



**Maplewood
Square**



Maplewood Park Playground Build Offers A Safe, Fun Place for Kids in Durham's West End

Durham, NC-- On Saturday, November 7th, 2009, more than 30 volunteers spent a beautiful fall day building a new playground in Maplewood Park on Chapel Hill Road in Durham's West End community. Helping hands of all ages joined in the fun, representing the City of Durham, Duke University, Make Kids Smile, Inc., Pathways, SWCD Quality of Life Project, West End Community Center, and West End Neighborhood Association.



The park is adjacent to Maplewood Square, a new affordable apartment community for seniors that is a partnership effort between DHIC, Durham Community Land Trustees, and Self-Help. When completed, the park will be an attractive, active community green space featuring a paved pathway, benches, a picnic table, leafy and sunny areas, and the playground. It is designed to appeal especially to small children and seniors who live within walking distance.

Contributors to the Maplewood Park rehabilitation effort include Blue Cross Blue Shield, the City of Durham, Duke Chapel, Duke United Way, Duke University, Harry L. and Helen M. Rust Charitable Foundation, Lowe's at William Penn Plaza, Make Kids Smile, Inc., Mary Biddle Duke Foundation, O.C. Mitchell, and PlayWorld Systems, Inc.

In addition to Maplewood Square and Maplewood Park, community partners are building and renovating attractive homes in the immediate vicinity, part of a multi-faceted effort to make West End a neighborhood where everyone enjoys living, visiting, and playing. For more information contact Sam Eyre, Maplewood Square Project Manager, at (919) 832-4345 x 3013.