

My name is Joseph Connor Bowering, a Life Scout of Troop 78; I am working to earn the rank of Eagle, the highest honor in scouting. The most crucial step in achieving this honor is the Eagle Project, a community service project that I must design, propose, and execute for the benefit of my community.

For my project, I am going to developing a play-area at [Ehrhardt Elementary](#) that will create an environment for both children with and without disabilities to come together and play. Initially aimed to construct a space where people with special needs could swing; however, upon my initial visit to Ehrhardt I learned they didn't have swings for any of their 750+ students, something they often asked the principal for. This being known, I have decided to create something everyone can enjoy. I aim to install a set of (ADA approved) swings that will include 3 adaptive swing seats (pictured below) for people with special needs, and a set of 3 non-adaptive swing seats. A border will be around the swing set and there will be bounded rubber flooring, which is easier on the wheelchairs.

<p>Adaptive Swing Seat Features and Benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children with physical disabilities can experience movement apart from their mobility device• High back, wing support, wide base and molded adjustable harness help the user maintain a neutral body position and minimize fatigue• Fully engages the senses and encourages interaction among caregivers and peers		
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Your donations will go to the purchase of all equipment and materials needed to complete this project. The company that is providing the purchased equipment has a playground grant that will match up to 100% donated funds.

Thank you for all donations. Your contribution will impact countless children's lives in our community for many years.

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Special needs is something I, like most people, knew little about. This became a major part of my life when my sister was diagnosed with Autism at age two, ten years ago. The diagnosis; however, did not serve to enlighten or educate us on everything special needs entailed. Instead this came through Klein with an education that began the next year when Brooke started school at Lemm Elementary. Here she met others with special needs such as Carson, a boy with cerebral palsy who has become Brooke's lifelong friend. Brooke and Carson have spent almost ten years together, going to both Lemm Elementary and Benfer Elementary and remaining friends after they left for different schools, Brooke to Haude Elementary and Strack Intermediate and Carson to Lemm Elementary and Schindewolf Intermediate. Carson is one of many people with special needs who I have learned from these past 10 years. Almost as important to this experience as the people with special needs, are those who devote much of their time to aiding them. They give countless hours every week making sure there are opportunities for everyone to do what they'd like, whether it be sports, music, or anything that would not normally be offered to them. I realized that although, there are many opportunities available to them, in our area there are many playgrounds not equipped with things that would allow them to play, leaving many children alone while they watch their friends play. I would like to contribute to the trend of giving people with special needs additional opportunities, by building a play area that will bridge the gap between those with and without special needs, as I have seen Brooke and Carson do many times before.

In planning this project, it became apparent Klein was the perfect beneficiary for it.

Klein has been extremely helpful to my sister throughout the years and I am honored to have the opportunity to give something back. I am extremely happy to be able to work with Principal Hall at [Ehrhardt Elementary](#) as his wife Stacy Hall has played a major role in Brooke's life. Mrs. Hall was my sister's in-home trainer from when she was three until Kindergarten and helped my family tremendously, teaching us how to help Brooke. It is because of her and the many other teachers at Klein that Brooke is where she is today.

Thank you for taking your time to read our story. Without you and all of the great people at Klein this project would not be possible. If you wish to help with the project, you may donate at the link provided below. All donations are greatly appreciated no matter the amount, every dollar counts.

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