

Students raise \$300,000 to buy a disability-friendly playground for their school

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Students at Glen Lake Elementary School in Minnesota accomplished something remarkable: they raised (1) \$300,000 to build a new playground (2) that is friendly to children with disabilities (3).

Previously, the school's playground lacked equipment for students with physical disabilities, making it difficult for them to join in during recess (4). Two fifth-grade students, Wyatt Feucht and Rhys Riley, noticed this problem and decided to take action. They asked their teacher, Ms. Julien, why the school couldn't buy the equipment themselves. Ms. Julien explained that it was expensive (5), costing an estimated \$300,000.

Undeterred (6), Wyatt and Rhys embarked on a mission (7) to raise the money. They collected spare change, organized a bake sale, distributed (8) flyers, and even went door-to-door seeking donations. With support from the Glen Lake Parent Teacher Organization, they worked tirelessly for several (9) months until they reached their goal.

The new playground not only provides opportunities for fun but also promotes inclusivity (10) and empathy among students. It's a testament to the dedication and compassion of the students at Glen Lake Elementary School.