

Who We Are

About Us

The non-profit *Kenadi Jean Weis Foundation* was created to honor our little June bug who passed away unexpectedly at age five. She made the world a better place, one person at a time. Starting with ourselves.

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Playgrounds are where children learn to explore, build friendships, and develop social skills they will use throughout their lives.

The Kenadi Jean Playground Destination located in Spearfish, South Dakota will include accessible play elements for children of all abilities. We advocate for a fully-inclusive play space and believe in creating exciting play opportunities which offer a range of challenges for children of all abilities allowing them to play side-by-side.

Kenadi Jean Playground Destination
Spearfish, South Dakota



OUR PLAYGROUND IDEAS INCLUDE:

- Custom color-themed design
- Wildflower meadow
- Sensory garden
- Age-appropriate playground pods with visual mapping of the play opportunities
- Poured-in-place safety surfacing
- Ample shade structures to provide relief from the sun's rays
- Wide access ramps and turning areas with extra handrails
- High-specification accessible play equipment such as adaptive swings and seesaws
- Expression swing for face-to-face contact
- Splash pad
- Musical instruments like bongo drums and a giant xylophone
- Slides that are fine for children with cochlear hearing implants
- N EOS 360 electronic game
- Accessible tree house
- Elevated sandboxes and interactive gardens
- Coffee shop with healthy (and still yummy) snack choices
- Petting zoo
- Train rides

OUR PLAYGROUND IDEAS INCLUDE:

- Entertainment Stage
- Multi-sensory rich toys
- Inclusive zip line
- Wheelchair-accessible carousel
- Rock N Raft has room for a person using a mobility device to fit comfortable
- Spinners including one which accommodates wheelchairs
- Maze
- Trampoline for everyone
- Interactive games
- Sensory wall full of textures
- Buddy bench
- Multi-language, sign language and braille learning boards
- Climbing wall and net
- Picnic area with special seating
- Secluded area for quiet time with cozy cocoons
- Accessible fishing pond
- Respite care house
- Indoor playland
- Children's Library

MISSION:

To assist all children with special needs and their families to achieve fulfilled lives through support, resources, respite care, volunteerism, and advocacy.

VISION:

To create a world of acceptance, love, and success for children of all abilities and their families.



Spearfish McDonald's Manager, Linda is pictured here with the Kenadi Jean Weis Family and Board Members at the newly installed hands-free handicap door entrance.

SUCCESS STORIES:

- Grace Balloch Memorial Library and Mt. View Elementary Book Donations
- West Elementary, Spearfish Rec Center and McDonald's Restaurant hands-free handicap accessible door installation
- Handicap parking spot designated at Mountain View Elementary School
- Butterfly Bench placed and Flowering Shade Tree planted at Mt. View Elementary School
- Installation of Inclusive Swing Seat & Universal Expression Swing in area Parks
- Butterfly Day at Elementary School reinforcing appreciation for children of different abilities
- Successful campaign for Caroline's Cart, designed for older children with special needs, in retail stores
- Advocates for Salem Park remodel offering accessible play for all
- Placement of a cooling Sun Shade protection structure at Salem Park
- Inclusive Kenadi's Playground at Jorgensen Park Community Build Project



As Jack Johnson, Kenadi's favorite singer-songwriter, musician croons on his *This Warm December* album,

And these are the gifts we keep
And this is the morning that we breathe
And then we see
These moments are the only gifts we need

CONTINUAL ACTIVITIES:

- Raise Awareness and Advocate for the uniquely-abled population in our community, and beyond
- Promote and Volunteer Respite Care to families of children with special needs
- Kenadi's Closet provides resources in the form of equipment, education and experience
- Lap Pad Program creates a Custom Weighted Lap Pad for your Child

**DON'T LET
YOU CAN'T DO
STOP YOU FROM
WHAT YOU CAN**

LASTING ENDEAVORS:

- The all-inclusive Kenadi Jean Playground destination in Spearfish, SD will accommodate children of all abilities, allowing them to live, love, learn and grow side-by-side
- The perpetual Kenadi Jean Weis Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a Black Hills State University Junior or Senior majoring in Special Education



*G*rowth is endless with a special needs child and her life changed us beyond anticipation. We have learned more from Kenadi's journey than any other time in our lives. We learned patience, and we got to witness miracles that you otherwise would have been too busy to notice. We learned acceptance and realized that we are wrong to judge, and we learned that there is a thing called unconditional love.

Mommy Says:

'A smile that said everything she couldn't. I miss the dip in her chest, I used to joke that you could eat a bowl of cereal out of it. I miss her little feet and funny big toes. I miss getting her out of the tub and playing games in the mirror. I miss stroking her soft hair and cuddling up for her favorite books. I miss seeing her face light up whenever she saw me coming. I miss her breath, it smelled like sweet rice. I miss taking care of her. I miss my Kenadi.'