



## 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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### Board Members:

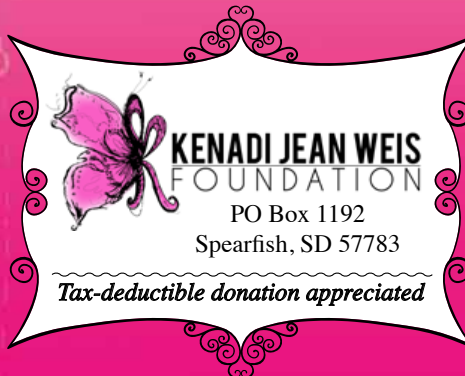
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# KENADI JEAN WEIS FOUNDATION



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.



### 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.



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



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

## SUCCESS STORIES:

- Grace Balloch Memorial Library and Mt. View Elementary Book Donations
- West Elementary and McDonald's Restaurant hands-free handicap accessible door installation
- Handicap parking spot designated at Mountain View Elementary School
- Installation of Inclusive Swing Seat in several area Parks
- 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

## 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
- Support all Exceptional Children with intellectual and physical disabilities
- Lap Pad Program creates a custom weighted lap pad for your child
- Butterfly Day at Elementary School reinforcing appreciation for children of different abilities

**DON'T LET  
WHAT  
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 graduating Black Hills State University 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!

