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A South Bend Neighborhood Gets a New Park

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Homeowner Philip Schatz was excited to help break ground on his neighborhoods newest addition a community park.

He's lived there for 28 years, and says the lot where the park now sits used to look a lot different.

Schatz says, "I remember a house being here that was not in good repair, and even had to be taken down."

The corner lot was vacant for years until volunteers from TCU decided to help.

Beth Green works for Teachers Credit Union and says, "We're putting in tall grasses to block out manufacturing on the other side and roses. We're also putting in benches, park benches and it's going to be a play park for children."

Fox 28's Lindsey Sablan says, "It only cost TCU about \$500 for all the materials you see, but homeowners say all the hard work the volunteers are putting into this and what it will bring to this area is priceless."

Roy Prince Junior has lived in the neighborhood for 36 years and says, "The fact that my grand kids now can play here, I can't tell you how much that means to me."

While the volunteers say it's fun to work outside for the day, resident Roy Prince Junior says they couldn't have done it without the help and donations.

Prince says, "I can't tell you how much of a labor of love this whole thing has been."

Neighbors helped TCU volunteers build the benches, plant the flowers, and even the kids got involved with naming the park.

"They said well this is Play Park, and we were like it's so simple it works," says Prince.

Sounds simple but the name truly does fit, and Roy and Phil say they hope everyone will enjoy their new park.

The residents say they'll have a group of volunteers in charge of maintaining the park.



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