



At **KaBOOM!** our offices are purple, our desks are cluttered with toys, and our minds are filled with visions of great playspaces and empowered play advocates in all communities.

IMAGINE...

- ⊙ A world where every kid has a safe and fun place to play within walking distance.
- ⊙ A world where every kid reaps the health benefits of play.
- ⊙ A world where all communities have play advocates who ensure that safe and fun playspaces are built, maintained and celebrated.

For ten years we have pursued these goals through our innovative community-build model. **In the community-build model, playspaces are designed by the experts on play – children – and built by the communities who will use them.** Local kids choose their favorite slides and climbers or ramps and rails, decide on a color scheme, and create unique themes, such as an ocean floor, race track or celebration of cultural diversity. The project culminates with a done-in-a-day volunteer project. It is an old-fashioned barn raising with an urban twist.

In the same way that playgrounds promote exercise and social development among children, a community build promotes positive collaboration among private citizens and business leaders. **A KaBOOM! build instills a lasting sense of empowerment.**

In the ten years we've been around, we have facilitated the construction of over 800 playgrounds and skateparks and renovated 1300 playgrounds in communities across the nation.

How Can You Get Involved?

In addition to leading the planning and construction of playspaces, KaBOOM! also makes available resources designed to inspire, prepare and connect community leaders who are doing it themselves. At KaBOOM!, we know we can't create a great place to play within walking distance of every child in America by ourselves, that's why we've created a variety of tools for communities who want to do it on their own.

Available FREE at www.kaboom.org:

- The KaBOOM! Online Project Planner™ gives community-builders the ability to manage volunteers, tasks, budgets, public relations and donations for their playspace projects all with the click of a mouse!
- The KaBOOM! Getting Started Kit, in English or Spanish, introduces the basics of the community-build process.

Other Resources from KaBOOM!:

- The four-volume KaBOOM! Tool Kit™ series is your step-by-step guide to playspace fundraising, planning and maintenance. The Tool Kit is available for purchase online or by calling 202-659-0215.
- The KaBOOM! University of Play (U Play!) and our Workshops Entirely on Play (WE Play!), are national and regional training conferences that prepare community, non-profit and corporate representatives to lead their own community-build playspace projects.

For more information, check out our website at www.kaboom.org or call 202-659-0215!