



# Stories

Stories and news of how KABOOM!  
transforms communities across the country



## Even in crisis, we must keep listening to youth

COVID-19 has layered new challenges on to youth already forced to navigate decades of structural disinvestment. Kids and teens are losing their social connections and the roadmap for their future.

KABOOM! is committed to a multi-sector



## Why Playgrounds Are So Important, and Why You Should Avoid Them Now

Playspaces are critically important playspaces are to the health and wellness of kids, but everyone should heed the guidance of public health officials and the orders of state and local governments to stay off of public playgrounds to limit the spread of the novel coronavirus.





## Spaces to play. Sparks for change.

How we evolved the KABOOM! brand to more boldly and clearly reflect our commitment to playspace equity.

[Join us as we prioritize equity and amplify the power of the communities](#)



## Volunteer returns to hometown to make a difference

Meet Ed Nora, a CarMax associate who recently volunteered to build a new playground at Smith Park in San Gabriel, CA— the same magical place where he played as a kid.

[See how neighbors came together to](#)



## Chicago community unites to provide a safe place for kids to play

Chicago CRED, KaBOOM!, Chicago Park District and the Chicago White Sox, alongside residents of the Pullman neighborhood, rolled up their sleeves to bring a safe place to play to some of the city's most vulnerable kids.



## Rebuilding Texas, together

Read two stories from the partnership between KaBOOM! and Rebuild Texas Fund, depicting how we've helped kids in Southeast Texas communities heal and regain a sense of normalcy.

[Read how a community faced life after Hurricane Harvey together](#)



## Reinvigorating an East Baltimore community with a new playground



## Play Everywhere creates opportunities for play in everyday spaces

Since 2001, KABOOM! has brought more than \$5 million dollars in resources to address the needs of Baltimore's kids. In June 2017, we built new partnerships to bring a new playground to Eager Park.

Watch how a new playground brought the



### To solve the epidemic of kids and screens, say, 'Yes' to zip lines and super slides

When given the choice, most kids would rather play outside. Increasing outdoor play for kids isn't a question of desire, its a question of priorities, resources, public will and equity.

[Learn more about the real solutions we can](#)



### City council member works to build a playground for her community and her son

Since she was elected as a city council member in 2015, Cara Spencer has been working to make her neighborhood, Gravois Park, a safer place for her son and for all who live there.

[Learn how Cara Spencer transformed a](#)

Play Everywhere reshapes city infrastructure to include kids and families – and play – and turns moments of frustration into moments of joy.

[Watch how Play Everywhere can turn moments of frustration into moments of joy](#)



### KABOOM! and Target hosted the 2018 Play Everywhere Tour in Atlanta, Dallas, Houston and Miami

As part of a broader Hurricane Harvey recovery effort, KABOOM! and UnitedHealthcare teamed up with the South Houston Elementary community to rebuild the school's playground.



### Our 3000th playground, celebrating a PLAYce for kids

Local residents from Congress Heights in Washington D.C. joined KABOOM! to build the 3,000th playground in KABOOM! history — an amazing day as partners from across the country, families in the community and the entire KABOOM! staff came together to build this milestone

dangerous park into a place for kids and [2](#) playground.

[families](#)

[See photos and videos from this magical day](#)

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