

YELLOW SWINGS PROGRAM



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Program Description

In June 2008, Seattle Parks Foundation, in partnership with Seattle Parks and Recreation and Seattle Children's Playgarden, launched the "Yellow Swing" campaign to install ADA swings in Seattle parks. The Parks Foundation worked with Seattle Parks & Recreation staff to develop this program which offers donors the opportunity to fund the replacement of existing swings in Seattle Parks with ADA swings that are suitable for all children.

Swing Seat Description

The design allows a wider range of users, from small children to small adult sizes to safely sit deeply in the seat, using gravity to hold the user comfortably in place. The high back supports users with weak or no back and neck strength and the front chains give a user something to securely hold on to as a caregiver swings them.

Seattle Parks Foundation's role

Seattle Parks Foundation works closely with donors and the Parks Department to identify which parks and play areas are in need of ADA accessible swings, connects individual donors with these needs, and facilitates the installation of the yellow swing at the agreed upon park.

Donor support

- Steward swing seat donation
- Communicate City policy concerning donations to Seattle parks
- Provide donors with relevant tax information

Donation management

- Process donation
- Maintain consistent records of each donation
- Transfer funds to the appropriate Seattle Parks department

Coordination with Parks & Recreation

- Coordinate with Parks & Recreation for the swing seat installation