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MEDIA ALERT

Ribbon Cutting to Celebrate Variety's Reimagined Inclusive Playground

Variety Kids and donors will cut the ribbon to re-open the enhanced Dennis & Judith Jones Variety Wonderland Playground in Forest Park

WHAT: Variety the Children's Charity of St. Louis is celebrating the enhancement of the Dennis & Judith Jones Variety Wonderland Playground with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

WHEN: Thursday, October 7, 2021

4:30 p.m. – Variety Kids playing on playground for b-roll and photo opportunities

5 p.m. – Event begins

5:15 p.m. – Remarks and ribbon cutting

5:25 p.m. – Media interviews with Executive Director of Variety Brian Roy, President & Executive Director of Forest Park Forever Lesley S. Hoffarth, Variety parents, and donors

WHERE: Dennis & Judith Jones Variety Wonderland Playground, outside of the Dennis & Judith Jones Visitor & Education Center at 5595 Grand Dr., St. Louis, MO 63112 (in Forest Park)

WHO: Variety Executive Director Brian Roy, Variety CEO Jan Albus, Variety Chief Program Officer Susan Schuh, President & Executive Director of Forest Park Forever Lesley S. Hoffarth, Variety Kids and parents, and other special guests

DETAILS: When the Dennis & Judith Jones Variety Wonderland Playground opened 16 years ago, it was the first of its kind in the St. Louis area. Earlier this year, the playground briefly closed to undergo functional updates and an enhancement of the playground itself with the addition of new inclusive play equipment.

The ribbon cutting ceremony will be held in celebration of this reimagined playground, which remains at the forefront of accessibility and inclusion.

About Variety St. Louis: Variety envisions a world where abilities are redefined and opportunities are reimagined for kids with special needs. To make this a reality, Variety empowers children with physical and developmental disabilities by giving access to critical medical equipment and therapies, along with innovative Camp and Performing Arts programs, which provide opportunities for recreation, socialization, and artistic expression. Children gain or maintain independence, boost socialization among their friends and family, demonstrate belief in themselves, and increase skills they need to engage their world as fully as possible. www.varietystl.org

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