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The new play set is nestled between the two Liberty buildings near neighboring woodlands. Children in Montgomery County with developmental and intellectual disabilities well as those with behavioral issues will benefit from the generosity of the Children's Aid Association grant.

New Playground Aimed at Enriching Lives

Amsterdam- If you build it, they will come! With funding provided through a recent grant from the Children's Aid Association, Liberty's Family Support Services program (FSS) has erected a playground near the agency's day support facility on Liberty Drive. The intention of the playground is to enhance opportunities for children with developmental disabilities who participate in Liberty's after school and recess programs.

This multi-faceted recreational area will benefit children with a wide range of needs. In addition to the traditional playground staples of swings & slides, the unit boasts a rope ladder, sandbox, children's picnic table, mini-rock climbing wall and a fort with fun activities.

The \$5,155 grant was also used to purchase additional recreational and exercise options for the FSS program. All equipment offers the opportunity to engage and challenge children during their program time.

Liberty's Family Support Program, currently provide over 6,000 hours of services to 36 area children with developmental disabilities for approximately 45 days when school is not in session during the school year and over the summer vacation.

Founded in 1957, Liberty, the Montgomery County Chapter of NYSARC, is a private, not-for-profit organization offering comprehensive, community-based services and support to over 6,000 individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities, their families and others in need throughout Montgomery County.

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