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Dear Playground Builders,

Thank you for joining your colleagues to answer the President's Call to Service and build a playground this Saturday at the Make A Difference playground build.

The following should answer most of your questions about the project. If you have other questions, I can be reached by e-mail or at 6-7350. On Saturday, I will have my cell phone with me (202-329-6729).

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

Who's coming?

More than 150 of your colleagues, their friends and family members have signed up to build and we will also have volunteers from the Points of Light Foundation, USA WEEKEND Magazine, the Peace Corps and Corporation for National and Community Service.

Miss America 2003, Erika Harold, Commerce Secretary Don Evans and Washington, DC Mayor Anthony Williams will help us kick the build off at 8:30.

What if it rains?

We will build rain or shine, and the good news is that the forecast shows only some morning showers on Saturday. That forecast may improve tomorrow, but please bring rain gear or other appropriate clothes.

What should I wear to build?

Think about dressing in layers so you can shed or add clothing as weather demands. Work boots are not necessary, although you should wear sturdy shoes that you don't mind getting dirty. And no sandals!

Will there be food?

Coffee and morning snacks will be provided. Lunch will be pizza. At the end of the day when we cut the ribbon on the new playground, we'll be treated to brownies and ice cream.

What is the agenda?

8:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	Registration
8:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	Kick off ceremony and building instructions, begin promptly
9:00 a.m.		Build, Build, Build
Noon	1:00 p.m.	Lunch in shifts
3:00 p.m.		Ribbon Cutting

How do I get there?

These are directions from Northern Virginia. Yahoo! Maps or another service can give you door to door directions, but regardless of where you live you will need to make your way to the SE/SW Freeway to get to 295-South. The address for the site if you use an Internet map service for driving directions is 4415 Livingston Road, SE, Washington, DC.

From Northern Virginia:

1: I-395 North.

(From other points make your way to the SE/SW Freeway to 295-South)

2: I-395 North becomes the Southeast/Southwest Freeway

3: Take the I-295 exit on the left towards ANACOSTIA.

- 4: Merge onto I-295 South.
- 5: Take the SOUTH CAPITOL ST. EXIT- exit number 2- towards PORTLAND St./BOLLING AFB.
- 6: Stay to the LEFT and Merge onto S. CAPITOL St., SW.
- 7: At the top of the hill turn RIGHT onto S. CAPITOL St.
- 8: Turn LEFT onto ATLANTIC St., SE.
9. Turn Right on LIVINGSTON RD., SE

Where do I park?

At Livingston Road, look for purple and orange balloons and follow the parking signs. P.R. Harris Elementary School will be on your right, and the site is just before the school. Signs and AmeriCorps members will direct you where to park.

What if I want to take public transportation?

The Anacostia metro stop is the closest, but it requires a bus transfer to get to the playground build site. I would recommend carpooling with a colleague and avoiding this option. If you need a ride, I will provide you a list of other attendees so that you can arrange it.

Will we really finish in a day?

Yes! The folks at KaBOOM! are experts in building from the ground up in one day, and they plan to keep us very busy.