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# Press Release

### **Walnut Avenue Women's Center Competes for \$5,000 Playground Equipment Grant**

In a national competition hosted by non-profit playground builder KaBOOM!, Walnut Avenue Women's Center is in the finals for up to \$5,000 in playground equipment grants to help build a playground. Our three Early Education centers serve children birth to 5 yrs. We are the only subsidized Center Care for infants in our county. Our current play area is a dirt lot w/yard toys with no safe outside play area for our infants.

To help communities build playgrounds and spur creativity during the playground design process, KaBOOM! is hosting the Promote Your Project Design Contest. Last month, communities across the country submitted their playground designs to KaBOOM!. Then, a panel of celebrity judges including Cleveland Cavaliers star Antawn Jamison, DIY hosts Carter Oosterhouse and Ahmed Hassan, as well as Los Angeles Kings star and Team USA Olympic Hockey Team member Dustin Brown selected ten finalists based on how interesting, innovative, and practical their designs are.

Walnut Avenue Women's Center has made it into the top ten, but now it's up to them to secure the top prize, equipment grants of up to \$5,000 from a top national vendor. To win, Walnut Avenue Women's Center needs to garner as many online votes as possible. To cast their vote, supporters of Walnut Avenue Women's Center project need to go online to [kaboom.org](http://kaboom.org) (or click here [http://projects.kaboom.org/voting/elections/design\\_2010](http://projects.kaboom.org/voting/elections/design_2010)), sign up, and vote. Project supporters can vote once a day through May 31. The three projects with the most votes win!

This grant competition is part of the online tools and resources KaBOOM! makes available to all communities. In addition to grant opportunities, KaBOOM! has posted all their knowledge and playground building experience online at [kaboom.org](http://kaboom.org), giving everyone access to the information they need to build a playground on their own. The KaBOOM! website also allows individuals to self-organize, connect with experienced playground builders and find other advocates for the cause in their communities.

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