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ANKENY, Iowa (May 23, 2012) - John Deere Des Moines Works has announced a \$240,000 contribution to Ankeny's Miracle League Field and All-Inclusive Playground Project. The project, geared for youth and families with special needs will be the first of its kind in Iowa.

John Deere Des Moines Works Factory Manager John Teeple stated, "John Deere Des Moines Works is extremely proud to serve as a title sponsor for the Ankeny Miracle League and All-Inclusive Playground that will allow hundreds of local children with and without disabilities a new place to experience the joy of inclusive play in a safe environment."

The Ankeny Miracle Park Project consists of a rubberized ball field and playground co-located together in Hawkeye Park aimed for children with disabilities to enjoy participating in an organized baseball league and play on a playground that is accessible to their needs.

"When we were approached by the City of Ankeny, the Miracle League Steering Committee, and the Ankeny Kiwanis Club, we knew our participation in this project was the right thing to do for the community. It is closely aligned with Ankeny's focus on providing the best parks and recreational amenities in Iowa. We, along with all the children and families who will benefit from this exciting community project, look forward to the first pitch on opening day!"

The Project is being led by the Ankeny Kiwanis Club and City of Ankeny. The project fundraising goal is \$1 million. With the contribution from John Deere Des Moines Works, the total money raised thus far is \$560,000. For more information on the project visit the website at www.ankenymiracleleague.com or contact Ryan Penning at 963-3574 or Kerry Walter-Ashby at 559-4694.

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