



**Magical Bridge Foundation** prides itself on leading a global movement to redefine the nature and context of inclusive play spaces. We are proud and humbled to share with you some of our awards, global recognition, and words of kindness from our city and county partners. More information can be found at [magicalbridge.org](http://magicalbridge.org)

## PROJECT SPONSORS AND ANCHOR DONORS

### HEATHER HOOPER

Director San Jose Sharks Foundation

*"The mission of the Sharks Foundation is to **enhance the lives of youth and families in a community**, so what is very beautiful, and magical if you will, about sponsoring the Magical Bridge playground is that their mission actually touches every part of our mission."*

### LEE MICHELSEN

CEO Sequoia Healthcare District

*"The Magical Bridge playground is **a wonderful asset for our community**. We know many many people will use it and enjoy it for many years to come and, unlike other public playgrounds, a Magical Bridge invites every member of the family to come out and play."*

### RICHARD PEERY

American billionaire real estate developer

*"There was nothing like a Magical Bridge before (Olenka) approached me and the idea was perfectly well planned out in every respect. This thing worked. It should be a model for all parks. **You're not going to get a better return on your investment. Now everybody wants a Magical Bridge!**"*

## CORPORATE SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS



## AWARDS

★ 2022 ★

Mayor's Award for Excellence  
*City of Sunnyvale*

★ 2019 ★

Murphy Award for Outstanding  
Community Contribution  
*City of Sunnyvale  
Chamber of Commerce*

★ 2018 ★

"Outstanding Innovation  
for Youth"  
*The Gratitude Network*

★ 2016 ★

Jefferson Award  
Public Service  
to Community

CODA Awards  
for Magic Harp Design  
[recognizing design and art]

"Best Playground  
in Bay Area"  
*San Francisco Magazine*

"Best Community Impact"  
*Silicon Valley  
Structures Awards*

"Nation's Favorite  
Playground"  
*Play Across America*

★ 2015 ★

Award of Excellence  
*California Park and  
Recreation Society*

Frontline Park Design Award  
*City Parks Alliance*

# GLOBAL RECOGNITION

★ 2016 ★



Smithsonian  
Cooper Hewitt Museum  
Featured for Innovative  
Inclusive Design

★ 2019 ★



World Economic  
Forum at Davos  
On Display for  
Innovative Social Impact



PBS National NewsHour  
profiles Magical Bridge as a  
“playground for everyone,  
no matter what your  
age or ability” [2.7 million  
global viewers nightly]

Learn more at  
[magicalbridge.org](http://magicalbridge.org)

## PRAISE FROM CITY AND COUNTY PARTNERS

### JOSEPH SIMITIAN

Former CA Congressman, Current Santa Clara County Supervisor, who spearheaded Santa Clara County to allocate \$20 million towards creating more Magical Bridge and other inclusive playgrounds in Santa Clara county

*“When we offer cities matching funds from the county, others will step up. Cities, school districts, area businesses, local donors and philanthropies – we’re leveraging all of those funds to **spread all-inclusive playgrounds** like Magical Bridge throughout the county. My hope is that our county-wide effort inspires others not only in the region, but the state, and the nation to follow suit until one day, a truly inclusive playground becomes the norm and all will be as inclusive as the Magical Bridge. **Magical Bridge is leading the way and serving as a national model.**”*

### IAN BAIN

Former Redwood City (CA) Mayor and Councilmember

*“I have worked with Magical Bridge Foundation for nearly five years on our recently completed and opened Redwood City Magical Bridge playground. I have found Olenka and Jill to be **incredibly hands-on and responsive partners** throughout the process. In addition to being involved with every detail from fundraising, to park design to quality control they have been **a true pleasure to work with!**”*

### GLENN HENDRICKS

Former Sunnyvale (CA) Mayor and Current Councilmember

*“We thank you and your team for all your efforts to keep the topic of including everyone as top of mind for the general public. The work you have done to share and communicate the need for this type of playground makes it easy for council members to vote yes. Please keep up the great work. **You are making a positive difference in our communities and lives.** I am honored to have jumped on board with you and your vision. You and the Magical Bridge team have been nothing but fantastic to partner with.”*

### LARRY KLEIN

Sunnyvale (CA) Mayor

*“Thank you for showing us how wonderful a Magical Bridge can be for a community, with the well run and well-loved Palo Alto playground. We are proud to soon have the first Magical Bridge of, what we hope, will be many. **It will be like a gem to highlight our commitment to innovation** and to serving everyone in the city of Sunnyvale!”*

### AMANDA BOYCE

Principal of Addison Elementary School in Palo Alto, the first of 11 elementary schools in Palo Alto to have their playgrounds redesigned by Magical Bridge

*“I want to express how very grateful I feel to be working with the Magical Bridge Foundation team. I think about the journey we have been through in planning for the Addison playground and are so grateful for all of your support and contributions. **Seeing the children now playing on their new and magical playground brings such joy to my staff and to teachers.** We love the innovative space and especially appreciate the many ways Peter (Jensen) provided so much extra expertise to our project that went way beyond the playground. We thank you all so very much and loved working with you!”*