



Mission Grant Report Form

Iowa District West

Grant recipients are asked to complete and submit the report form within one month of the completion of the effort or, if a continuing ministry, by January 31 of the following year in which the grant is received. Please submit any pictures, as well, that would help to share the story with other congregations to encourage them in their ministry.

1. Please provide a brief overview of the effort.

Even though St. John Noah's Ark Daycare and Preschool is a small facility, we are a cohesive center. We are always working together to improve the physical environment of our center. As Noah's Ark received a grant from IDW to complete our basement floor before, we somehow got our measuring off; we did not finish the whole floor. It did however; complete all but two sections of our basement play-area. We called the same company we used last time, SofSurfaces, Inc. The group from SofSurfaces was able to use a layout from our basement to determine how many tiles we needed, especially to finish the floor this time around. With the help from Iowa District as well, we are able to create a safer, learning environment for our children here are the daycare and the children of the church. With pictures, it can be shown between the differences of the two times we ordered the tile. We were unable to order the same tile as before as it was discontinued. The color tile we order this time is a little brighter and but all in all we were able to get the rest of the tile.

2. What goals were established for this effort; that is, what did you hope to accomplish?

The goals that were established, meaning what we wanted to accomplish were:

1. We wanted to ensure a safer playing environment
2. We wanted to create a more suitable area for children of all ages, and not just within the daycare center, but also children who use the basement, meaning members of the church.
3. We wanted to create an area for children to use imagination
4. We wanted to create an area for the children to use when there is inclement weather.

3. Did you achieve your goals? If not, what do you think were some of the contributing factors?

Yes, we most certainly achieved our goals. We were able to create a safe playing environment for children of all ages, in a way for them to use their imagination when we are not allowed to be outside. It is a great area for the children because not many churches can have such a large space for the children to play and release their energy.

4. Is there anything you would do differently if you were to undertake this effort again?

Yes, there is one thing we should have done differently is to make sure our measuring of the floor is more accurate to be sent off to the company because they do not know what the basement looks like. So, the company trusts us to make sure the measuring is correct.

5. What lessons were learned through this effort?

The lessons that we learned from this effort is that it takes more than one person to complete a project such as this. We learned the more help you receive the less effort the main individual involved does not have to do alone. We want to give a big thanks to the Iowa District West for selecting us to receive this \$2,000.00 grant. It was a great accomplishment for our center. We also want to thank SofSurfaces, Inc for working so patiently with us, and lastly all the members of the daycare and church for supporting us to create a more inviting and safer environment for our children.

6. What suggestions would you give to a congregation considering a similar effort?

The suggestions we would give to a congregation considering a similar effort is to take steps. This is a big project with lots of help. Use your resources; get the best information you can from all areas to make sure the area you want to create is safe but friendly for the children involved. It does take time so, so take your time with all the help you can get. People do want to make a difference with you, so let them.

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