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**“Playing for a Miracle” Open House Planned to Inform Public About
Waukee’s All-Inclusive Recreation Project**

Waukee, Iowa — The Waukee Betterment Foundation will host the first annual “Playing for a Miracle” event on Saturday, April 13 from 12-5 p.m. as a way to kick off its initiative to fundraise, design and build an all-inclusive recreational area in Waukee.

Playing for a Miracle, which will be held at Sportsplex West in Waukee (890 SE Olson Drive), is an open house event for all members of the public. The free event aims to educate people about the future Waukee rec area which will feature a Miracle League[®] field, an ADA accessible fishing pier and an all-inclusive playground. There will be Miracle League-style games held at the top of each hour, check presentations, food and drinks, fun activities for families and more. iHeartRadio’s Heather Burnside will serve as the event emcee.

“We hope people will join us at Playing for a Miracle as it’s a celebration of how we can soon serve the recreational needs of the nearly 700 special needs children in the Waukee area by way of the Miracle League field and specialized playground,” said Foundation President Jim Miller. “Attendees will also learn about how the new fishing pier will enable use by special needs adults, seniors, veterans and others with mobility issues.”

The Foundation is currently raising \$2.5 million for the project which will be situated in the heart of the new Waukee Community Park & Youth Sports Complex to be located north of Hickman Road and east of 10th Street. The City’s complex is expected to open in 2021 with the Foundation’s all-inclusive amenities to follow in 2022.

“While this project will serve special needs individuals in big ways, the playground and fishing pier will also be fantastic new recreational draws for all citizens,” said Waukee Parks &

Recreation Director Matt Jermier. "The Foundation's Playing for a Miracle event will reflect that open, community theme, and we are so grateful for their efforts."

The Playing for a Miracle event is free to the public. Accommodations will be made for families and/or children with special needs.

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*The Waukee Betterment Foundation is a 501c3 founded to preserve and grow a healthy Waukee Community. The Foundation provides financial support to agencies and projects which make an impact on the Waukee area and focus on the keys to good living.
Visit www.waukeebetterment.org for more information.*

The City of Waukee is recognized as one of the fastest growing cities in Iowa and is located in Dallas County—one of the fastest growing counties in the U.S. The current population is 20,649 residents. Waukee offers a family-friendly environment featuring quality parks, schools and trails. The City is also dedicated to economic development and expanding business opportunities, including the creation of the mixed-use development, Kettlestone. For more information, visit www.Waukee.org.