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## **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to Celebrate Playground Addition** **At Boys and Girls Club of Columbia donated by Veterans United Foundation in** **collaboration with Heart of Missouri United Way**

**COLUMBIA, MO (September 8, 2015)** – More than 40 volunteers from Veterans United Foundation, Mission Continues First Platoon Columbia, Boys & Girls Clubs of Columbia, Heart of Missouri United Way and the community teamed up to build an addition to the playground for the children of the Boys & Girls Club of Columbia and the surrounding community in May.

On September 10 at 4:00 pm, all of those who volunteered, donated and supported the playground addition will gather for a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Boys & Girls Club, located at 1200 N. 7th St.

“The employees of Veterans United were not only excited to give \$25,000 for the playground through Veterans United Foundation, but also to help build the playground in May. More than 40 Veterans United employees and their families showed up at Boys & Girls Club on a Saturday to support this project,” said Miranda Giger, Outreach Coordinator of Veterans United Foundation.

“The Boys & Girls Clubs of Columbia are forever grateful for the playground makeover! These projects are difficult to forecast and budget as a non-profit but critical to the impact of programming. This playground will serve hundreds of club kids through the after school and summer program, as well as, the community neighborhood kids every weekend. You have brought many smiles and opportunities for kids that need it most in a safe, fun, and positive place. I can still remember from my childhood the fondest memories growing up and playing on the playground,” said Valorie Livingston, Executive Director of Boys & Girls Clubs of Columbia.

“Heart of Missouri United Way was honored to design and coordinate the playground addition with the generous monetary donation and volunteers from Veterans United Foundation. It’s exciting to connect resources from corporate business partners who want to give back to our community,” said Courtney Daviess, Volunteer Engagement Associate of Heart of Missouri United Way.

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