



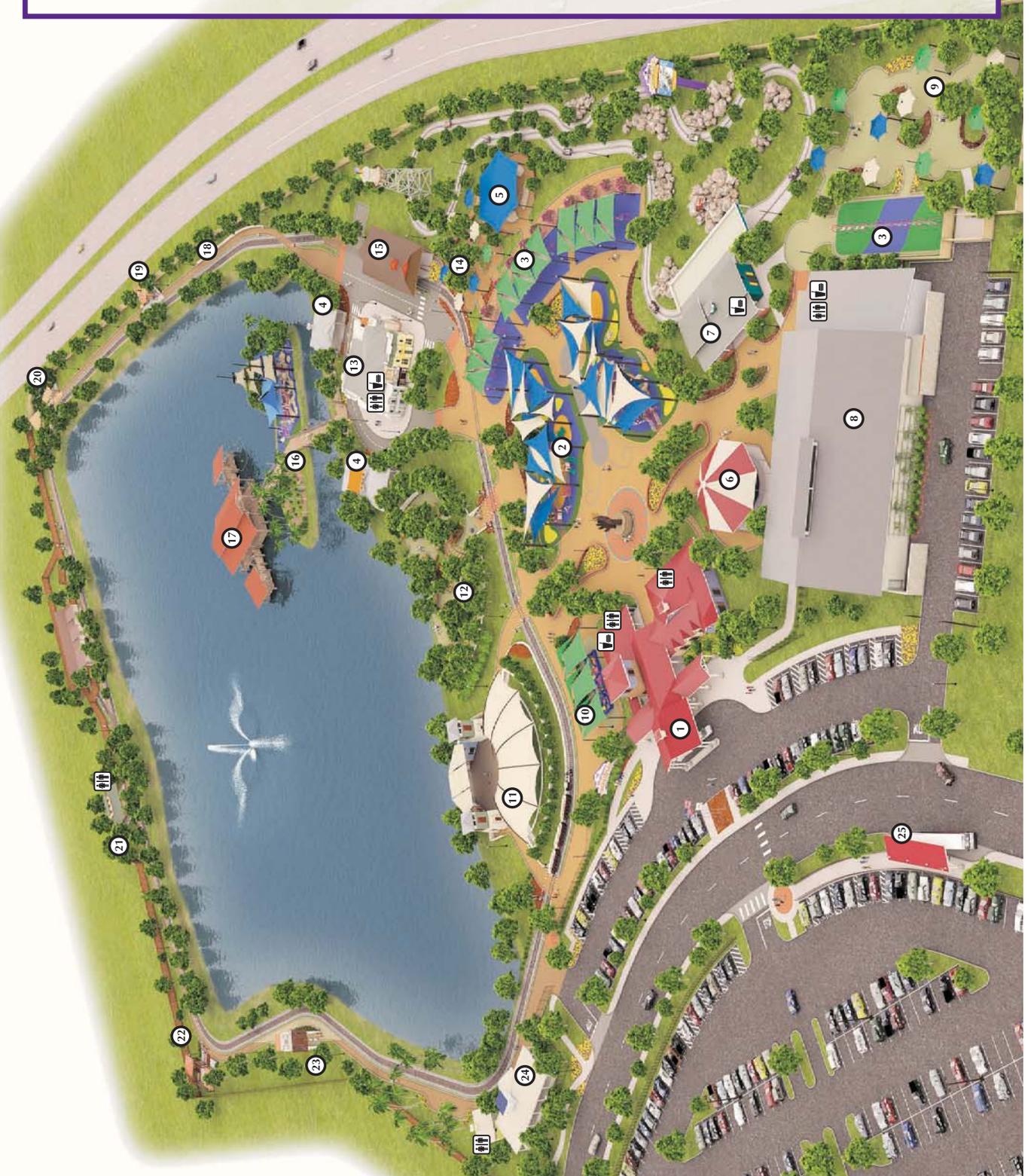
The World's First Ultra Accessible Family Fun Park



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The Gordon Hartman Family Foundation believes that a real need exists to create a special place for special friends . . . to provide an oasis for those needing a safe place to relax and enjoy the outdoors. Millions of children and adults who suffer from cognitive and physical special needs generally do not have access to facilities specifically established to assist them in enjoying outdoor activities. Currently, less than 10% of those with special needs participate in daily outdoor recreation. The Morgan's Wonderland story began with a desire to re-imagine the possibilities of what an inclusive park could be . . . if everyone were free to soar. The creation of this new 25 acre special needs park will serve as a haven not only for those with special needs, but also for their families, caregivers and invited friends.

In 2007, Sports Outdoor And Recreation (SOAR) was created as a 501 (c) (3) non profit organization to A) raise the funds necessary to create the park and B) to insure that the park is professionally managed and maintained. The SOAR Board of Directors chose to develop this one-of-a-kind park on the former site of the Longhorn Quarry in San Antonio, Texas. To encourage the idea of inclusive recreation where individuals of all abilities can play side by side, Morgan's Wonderland will be part of a larger 106 acre sports complex that will feature 14 fully lit, tournament quality soccer fields. In an exciting collaboration with SOAR, the North East Independent School District (NEISD) is also building their new 11,000 seat stadium, baseball complex and track & field facilities directly adjacent to the park. The construction of Morgan's Wonderland and the soccer complex is underway and will be open for fun, friendship and new experiences in early 2010.

The funding for Morgan's Wonderland began with an initial \$1,000,000 donation from Gordon and Maggie Hartman inspired by the love of their daughter Morgan. The park's fundraising campaign has been bolstered by financial commitments from the City of San Antonio (\$7,250,000), Bexar County (\$5,000,000) and the State of Texas (\$5,500,000). That total of \$17.75 million, along with up to \$10 million of additional funds to be raised from local foundations, corporations and individuals, will be used to complete the development of the park.

Upon completion, Morgan's Wonderland will be the largest park of its kind in the world specifically designed for the recreation and enjoyment of individuals with special needs. Our vision for Morgan's Wonderland is to play an instrumental role in helping to establish more Ultra Accessible Family Fun Parks throughout the country, thus establishing San Antonio as a national leader in the promotion of family-oriented outdoor activity and fun for these beloved members of our community. Thank you again for helping us make this dream a reality and for caring enough to make a difference and change lives . . . one special friend at a time.

## Morgan's Inspiration

Anyone who comes in contact with Morgan Hartman never forgets the meeting. She brings smiles, hugs and unconditional love to everyone she encounters. When you interact with Morgan, what you see and hear is truly from her heart. There are no filters or barriers to Morgan's expressions and her genuine desire to be your true friend.

Morgan is very outgoing yet shy about certain things. She recognizes her special needs and at times wishes she "were another kid," but even so, she never forgets to be kind, thoughtful and witty...something we all wish we could achieve more often. She embraces life not truly understanding every detail of that which surrounds her, but has a keen eye and ear for the little details many of us take for granted or never pay attention to.

She is a typical teenager who enjoys her music, videos and her dog and cat. Morgan has had to deal with some physical challenges in her life, but she has overcome them beyond all expectations because of her positive attitude and perseverance.

While recuperating on a ventilator in ICU after an extremely complicated surgery, Morgan still made sure all around her were comforted whether through her unforgettable smile or an occasional thumbs up to let everyone know she was alright.

Morgan's boundless love and ability to "soar" above her challenges were the true inspiration for this amazing park. Morgan's desire to make everyone around her happy will be magnified and expanded by the worldwide appeal of this park. That happiness will spread to all those who have special needs, their families, caregivers and those loving friends who volunteer their time to help ensure the success of Morgan's Wonderland. It is Morgan's fervent hope that everyone with special needs— young and old, healthy or ailing, introspective or outgoing—will be touched in a very special way by this park. An oasis of friendship . . . a shrine of inclusion . . . an unforgettable wonderland . . . Morgan's Wonderland!



## 1 Welcome Center • RFID Security Bands

Visitors to the park will enter through a large porte cochere leading to the Welcome Center. Guests are required to pre-register online or by phone before arriving at the park, thus allowing easy access to the visitors' information in our database. As guests arrive they will be assigned special wristbands which will identify their family or group. These wristbands help to provide state of the art security through RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) technology. Several location station monitors will be in key areas throughout the park, so if a family or group member becomes separated any other member of their group can see where they are by simply scanning his or her own bracelet. These wristbands will not only provide comfort and security against a child getting lost, but will also guard against the possibility of either a child leaving with a stranger, or leaving the park alone. A special entry and exit procedure will ensure a safe and worry-free experience at the park.

In addition to the entrance/exit areas, the Welcome Center will also include business offices, a counseling office, concessions, a gift shop area, a special family room designed for feeding or resting and a first aid office. The rear area will include specially designed accessible restrooms, lockers and vending machines for our guests' convenience and comfort.



## 2 Butterfly Playground

This brightly colored butterfly comes to life with activity. The specially designed playscapes will feature a custom ramp system allowing easy wheelchair access wide enough for two wheelchairs to pass each other for extra freedom to play! All playground equipment is carefully designed for individuals with cognitive and physical special needs.



### 3 Swing Areas

Everyone loves to swing, and now everyone can! Morgan's Wonderland will have over 30 traditional and adaptive swings, including specially designed molded plastic ADA swings, infant bucket swings and even wheelchair swings! Children of all ages and abilities can share the experience of swinging and playing together!



### 4 Pavilions



Throughout the park, there are several areas for family and friends to gather. There are three main pavilions located around the scenic lake which will provide shaded areas to sit and rest or to celebrate special occasions. These pavilions are available for large groups, special events or multiple families. So whether you prefer to have some quiet time or want to throw a fun party, you will find the perfect place to accommodate your group.

### 5 Sand Circle™

Kids just love to play in the sand! However, children with physical special needs often find themselves on the outside looking in. Our unique design was created with four wide pathways leading into the center of the circle. There is a raised sand table in the middle for hands-on play with accessible "diggers" around the perimeter so children in wheelchairs can be in the center of the activity and fun! There will be additional sand diggers and various sand toys within each section as well so everyone can enjoy playing in the sand together!



## 6 Carousel

This beautiful 36' one-of-a-kind carousel has several specially designed animals that allow children of different abilities to fully experience the fun of a carousel for the first time. Morgan's Wonderland has worked closely with engineers to create adaptive animals that have special seats for guests that cannot sit upright. There will also be unique benches that allow a guest to be safely secured and sit next to a friend or caregiver, allowing the complete carousel experience in a fun, safe and independent way! Our guests in wheelchairs can enjoy the experience with custom chariots that recreate the fun movements of the carousel's other creatures.



## 7 Off-Road Jeep Adventure

Ready, set, go! Hop or wheel into an off-road jeep and cruise around this fun winding track. Two bench seats allow you to bring along family and friends for the ride. Follow the track through the park, past many colorful activities and sights. This unique and safe track system allows anyone to be the "driver" of this fun, family ride.



These Ultra Accessible jeeps are the first of their kind in the world, allowing a person in a wheelchair to enjoy the ride safely and comfortably!

## 8 Event Center & Gymnasium

This magnificent facility is over 18,000 square feet and will include a full basketball court that will be ideal for both traditional and wheelchair basketball. The gymnasium will also serve as a volleyball and indoor tennis court for individuals or groups with special needs. It will have air-conditioning, bleachers and accessible restrooms. There will be a performance stage, a full catering kitchen and a large covered porch making this facility the perfect place for special events such as banquets and galas. The main room will hold up to 450 people for a seated dinner and up to 700 people for a casual gathering.



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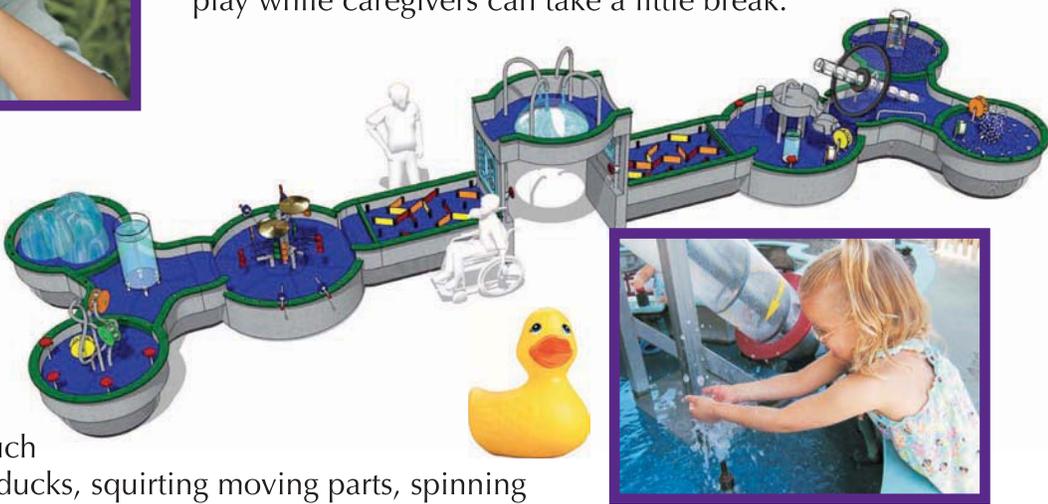
## 9 The Oasis Picnic Area



Sit, relax and enjoy something to eat in the Oasis Picnic Area. There are several cool spots that feature shaded wheelchair accessible tables, surrounded by lush landscaping and trees so you can get out of the heat and enjoy a refreshing snack. Conveniently located by concessions, vending areas and restrooms, the Oasis also has several swings nearby so kids can play while caregivers can take a little break.

## 10 Water Play Area

The water play area will be an interactive water feature which will allow guests to get their hands wet and do fun water related activities such as floating boats and rubber ducks, squirting moving parts, spinning colorful water wheels, and using special dams to control water flow. This structure will be specially designed with many sensory activities involving lights, sound and tactile features while providing full wheelchair access to all of the wet and wild fun!



## 11 Amphitheater

The Amphitheater will back up to the scenic eight acre lake providing the perfect setting for children and families to enjoy performances from visiting artists. Additionally, the stage will allow a safe place for individuals with special needs to perform and express themselves. Seating will be arranged in wide flat levels which will allow easy wheelchair access and great views for everyone!



## 12 Garden Sanctuary & Memorial Wall

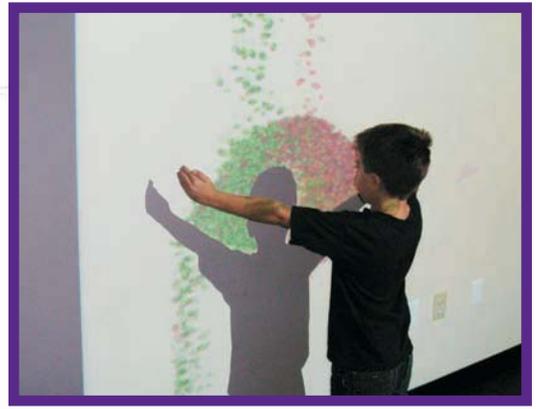
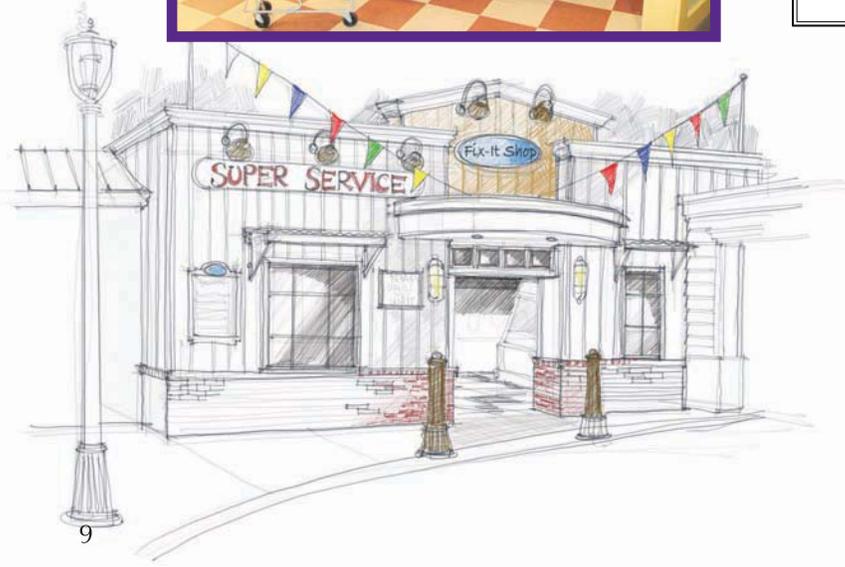
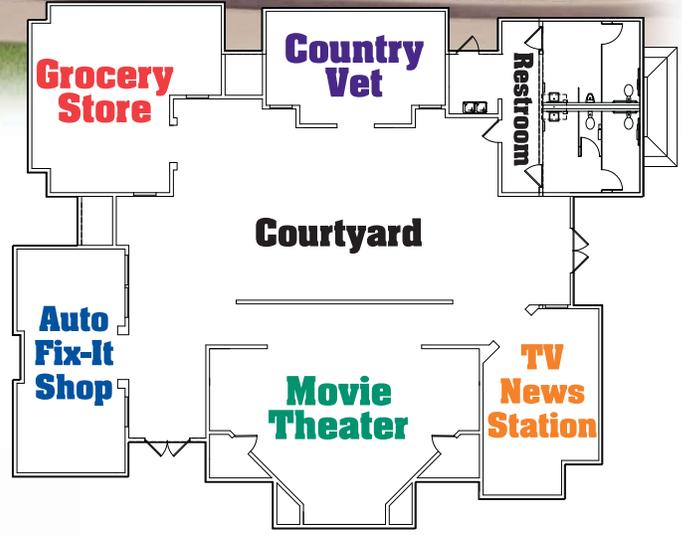
This elaborate garden will be landscaped to create a lush oasis within the park. Winding trails and quaint alcoves will serve as the perfect escape for those who want a quiet retreat and cool relaxing break from the sun and fun! The sanctuary also provides a serene view of the lake.

Just inside the entry of the sanctuary will be a semicircular memorial wall. This cool green area will have stone walls that can be engraved with names of our friends with special needs who have passed away. This will be a touching and reflective way to remember friends and loved ones, while being surrounded by the quiet beauty of the sanctuary.



# 13 Sensory Village™

The Sensory Village will be designed as a cluster of buildings that will make up a small town and will include themed spaces such as a theater, a country vet, an auto/fix-it shop, a grocery store, and even a TV news station. Each one of these themed environments will not only inspire imaginative play, but will also offer interactive sensory stimulation through the use of colors, lights, sounds and textures. Sensory stimulation is important for everyone, but is especially significant for individuals with special needs. The entire village will be wheelchair accessible as well to allow people of all abilities to play and grow together.



## 14 Music Garden

Our fantastic music garden will feature nine large, shaded outdoor instruments scattered throughout a winding garden path. This garden is a great sensory experience, involving the visual beauty of the garden, the smells of the flowers, and the pleasant soft sounds of music. The instruments are easily accessible from a wheelchair and have wonderful sounds which are pleasing when played alone or in a group. These instruments are designed so that anyone can experience the joy of making music. You do not have to “know how” to play. There is no wrong tune. All guests can express themselves through music and create their very own masterpieces.



*Photos courtesy of Free Notes*

## 15 Wonderland Express Train & Depot

All Aboard! Gather at the 1930's style train depot and then climb aboard the Wonderland Express! Our beautiful locomotive is truly a train lover's dream and will feature multiple cars with specially designed wheelchair accessible ramps so the whole family can enjoy a fun and relaxing ride together! The train runs through the park and all the way around the scenic eight acre lake.



## 16 Treasure Island Playground & Sitting Garden



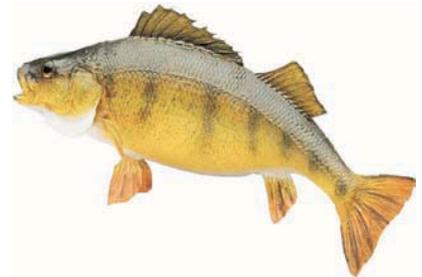
Ahoy mates! Imagine crossing a bridge to an island full of fantasy and fun! This pirate themed island features a large wheelchair accessible playscape so children can pretend and play on their very own island! While the little pirates play, parents can relax and soak up the view in the island sitting garden. Pose with our own Pirate Captain for a great photo opportunity!



## 17 Fishing Wharf

Leave Treasure Island and cross another bridge to the rustic fishing wharf. Soak in the views of the lake and fountain. Feed the fish or drop in a line and catch one! A large shaded fishing hole in the center of the pier provides a cool, safe place for catch & release fishing!

For even more fun, shoot water canons off the pier at bright colored spinning targets in the lake, or take the ship's wheel and drive a remote controlled boat around a mini-lagoon.



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## 18 Walk & Roll Path

This extra wide pathway wraps around the entire perimeter of the lake. There is an air conditioned restroom at the far end of the lake and shaded rest stops along the way, so you can take your time and enjoy a quiet stroll with great views of the lake, fountain and the park.



## 19–24 “Around the World” Themed Rest Areas

Whether you take a stroll along the Walk & Roll Path or choose a train ride around the lake, you can enjoy a quick trip “around the world.” Pass through themed rest areas that allow you to experience the feel of other countries. Through the use of architecture, landscaping and soothing sound, you can travel through Mexico, Africa, Germany, Japan, Italy and even the Caribbean! Let your imagination leave San Antonio while you soak up the scenery and sounds of some of the world’s most beautiful places!



## 25 VIA Transit Center

VIA and Morgan’s Wonderland have collaborated to ensure that everyone in and around San Antonio can get to and enjoy the park. A special bus route has been planned that will drop visitors off at a covered transit facility directly across from the Welcome Center.





- Located at the former site of the Longhorn Quarry
- 25 acres in size, and is the first Ultra Accessible Family Fun Park in the world!
- 8 acre lake stocked with a variety of fish
- Controlled entry and exit
- Features RFID locator wristbands and touch screen display monitors so parents and caregivers can keep track of family and friends
- Fencing around lake edge as well as security fencing around the park's perimeter for added safety

### Activities & Amenities include:

- Specially designed air conditioned/heated and oversized ADA accessible restrooms
- 3 Playscapes
- Train Rides with wheelchair accessible cars
- Ultra Accessible Carousel
- Amphitheater
- Catch-and-Release Fishing
- Water Canons & Remote-Controlled Boats
- Gymnasium (basketball, volleyball & tennis)
- Special Event Center for up to 650 guests
- Walk and Roll Path around lake
- "Around the World" – themed picnic & rest areas
- Water Play Area
- Race Track
- Music Garden
- Swings (several types including wheelchair swings)
- Sand Circle
- Sensory Village
- Garden Sanctuary with Memorial Wall
- Several Rest Stops, Picnic Areas & Pavilions
- 2 First Aid Stations & Feeding Room
- Braille Signage, 3-D Park Model & Service Animal Rest Area
- Gift Shop & Counseling Center
- VIA Transit Center

## Special Features ...

### **Special Needs Guests Enjoy Free Admission –**

We understand that caring for individuals with special needs can be not only challenging but very expensive as well. That is why Morgan's Wonderland will be free of charge to all of our friends with special needs.

### **Pre-Registration -**

The first time a visitor comes to Morgan's Wonderland, he or she will need to be entered into the park's guest database. To streamline this process, guests are required to pre-register online or by phone so when they arrive their information is already in our system.

### **Special Services for Guests with Hearing/Vision Impairments -**

Morgan's Wonderland welcomes friends with a broad range of cognitive and physical special needs, and will offer many unique features, such as braille signage, a 3-D park model and a service animal rest area to make the park accessible to our friends who are hearing and visually impaired as well.

### **Keeping Our Visitors Safe -**

Morgan's Wonderland was designed with the safety of every visitor in mind. We will use state of the art technology to make the park as safe as possible, including secured entry and exit, Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) wristbands and monitors, PA and emergency notification systems, video surveillance, and 8' perimeter fencing.

### **Restrooms -**

There are 18 ADA compliant restrooms throughout the park. All of the restrooms are air conditioned/heated and are designed for the comfort, convenience and privacy of our visitors. There are many spacious family restrooms that have large benches for sitting or changing needs. There is one special restroom with a shower and clean up area and an air conditioned family room.

### **First Aid -**

There will be a large air conditioned First Aid Office located in the main entry building and a second First Aid Station at the Special Event Center/Gymnasium in case of emergencies.

### **Concessions & Vending -**

Concession facilities and vending machines will be located throughout the park for drinks and snacks. Visitors are allowed to bring outside food and coolers into the park. There will be no grilling, glass containers or alcohol allowed in Morgan's Wonderland.

### **Keeping Cool -**

Almost every activity within the park will be shaded. There will also be several shaded rest stops, picnic areas and well located water fountains and restrooms. In addition, many of the facilities and pavilions will have water misters for added comfort.

### **Have a Special Event at Morgan's Wonderland -**

There will be a variety of pavilions and picnic areas which can be reserved for special occasions. Plan your next birthday party, family gathering or fundraiser here at Morgan's Wonderland!

*All park plans and potential activities are subject to change without notice.*

## How You Can Help

Morgan's Wonderland appreciates donations from our friends across the globe who are seeking to make a difference. Your efforts are helping us reach our goal of truly transforming the lives of our friends with special needs. You can make a tax-deductible contribution online or by mail.

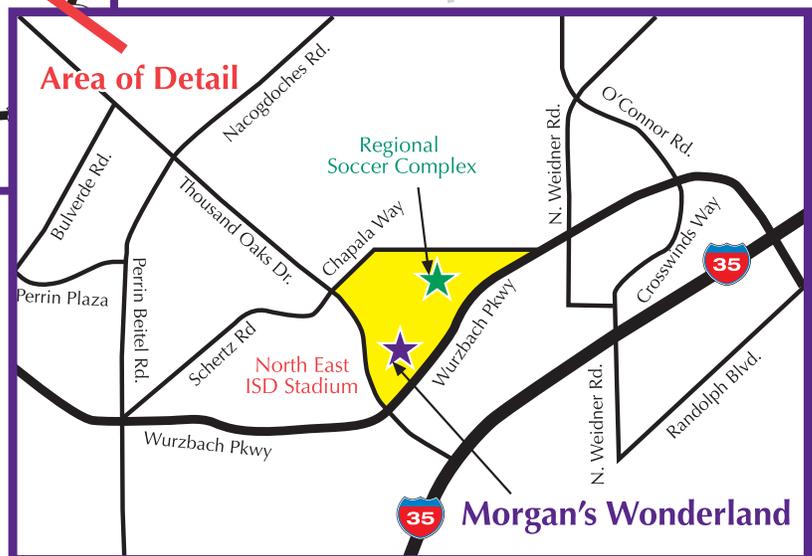
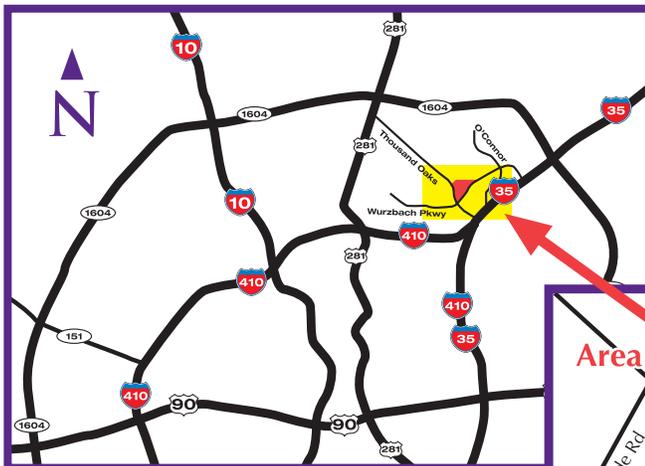
**Donate Online** - With a click of a button, you can quickly, easily and securely make a donation by credit card. Donations can be made in your name, in someone else's name, or anonymously. You'll receive an email confirmation receipt for your records. To learn more about donating online, please visit [MorgansWonderland.com](http://MorgansWonderland.com) and then click on "Donate/Volunteer."

**Donate by Mail** - Please make checks/money orders out to "Morgan's Wonderland" and mail to:  
The Gordon Hartman Family Foundation  
1202 W. Bitters, Bldg. 1, Suite 1200, San Antonio, TX 78216

## Donate Time as a Volunteer

Morgan's Wonderland will have paid personnel but will need many volunteers to assist in the daily operations of the park. Please visit our website [MorgansWonderland.com](http://MorgansWonderland.com) to sign up as a volunteer, and experience first hand how this park will make a difference in so many lives.

## Location



Morgan's Wonderland and the Regional Soccer Complex are located just Northeast of downtown San Antonio at Thousand Oaks and Wurzbach Parkway. This is the former site of the Longhorn Quarry and is directly across from the new North East ISD Stadium and Sports Complex.



For more information please contact The Gordon Hartman Family Foundation at 210.493.2811 or visit [MorgansWonderland.com](http://MorgansWonderland.com)