

Sandyland Ribbon Cutting

Saturday, May 17

The Ribbon Cutting for Sandyland was a day of celebration and a day to gather with the extended Touhey family to honor loved ones that have gone on and to offer a future full of promise for all children in our community.

The Touheys longed for an opportunity to create a lasting memorial to Sandy and JJ Touhey, daughter and son of Roger and Connie Touhey and sister and brother of Donna, Paul, Janice and Tom.

In November 2007, Susan Pytel, daughter of Paul and Carol Touhey of Royersford, a physical therapist for children with delayed developmental skills and special needs, mentioned the programs offered for these children at the Spring Valley YMCA. Paul and Carol knew this was the opportunity they had been waiting for; an opportunity to enrich the lives of all young children and at the same time honor the memory of Paul's brother and sister. In concert with Morgan Arthur, Ann Nelson and the staff of the Spring Valley YMCA, Susan designed a unique recreational facility, Sandyland, the playground before you today, went from a dream to a reality. Sandyland will enable all children, regardless of skill set, to experience hours of enjoyment at the Spring Valley branch.

The Freedom Valley YMCA is grateful to the Touheys for their spirit of philanthropy. Lives will be changed because of the goodness they have imparted to this organization. The entire Touhey family is thankful to those who joined them in celebrating the dedication of Sandyland and is committed to continue enhancing Sandyland to make it the most enjoyable recreational experience for children of ALL abilities.



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