



## Playground Personnel

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Staff

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## Taggart's Story

When Danby Township resident Abe Sines took his 3-year old son, Taggart, to their church's outdoor playground to play in Portland on March 29, 2005, he didn't realize it would be the last time they would play together.

"It sounds funny, but the whole time he was laughing and smiling like a toddler does, and just playing—almost like he knew it was his last chance to play like that," Abe said.

The next day, March 30, 2005, Abe and Connie Sines lost their youngest son, Taggart Logan Sines, in a tragic fire that consumed their camper—a favorite play 'fort' of his.

The indescribable pain of not being able to save their son after extraordinary and valiant attempts and the nightmare that followed as Portland fire firefighters tried to rescue their son ended with the realization that Taggart would be playing forever with Jesus and all of the other kids who had already made the journey to a wonderful place called Heaven.

Taggart loved ice cream and it was served sundae style at his visitation on April 1, 2005 at Portland Church of the Nazarene while hundreds shared their grief with the family. Clips of some of Taggart's favorite cartoons were played in the Saturday morning celebration of his life. "I've never been more Homesick than now" were words Taggart's dad sang.

The outpouring of overwhelming support from family, friends, co-workers and even those they didn't know prompted Abe and Connie to channel their grief into a positive direction for other kids. After consulting with their pastor, Tagg's parents made a decision to support the dream of an indoor playground in the expanding facility at Portland Church of the Nazarene "to give back to the community that had so graciously given to them—a place where everyone should have a chance to take their kids and play. You never know what could happen."

Family, friends and church members began holding community benefits to raise money for the indoor playground to be named in Tagg's honor. Numerous individuals and organizations donated funds, materials and supplies to help complete the 40 x 60 space easily accessible from the River Walk.

Abe, Connie, Tagg's older brothers, Kelby Sines, Deven Walkington, and sister Abbygail Sines welcome the children of the Portland community to a safe place—a wonderful place for kids to play in memory of Tagg. The family wishes to thank everyone who gave on Tagg's behalf to make his indoor playground a reality.

The original oil painting hanging in the playground was given in Tagg's honor compliments of author and illustrator, Gary and Jan Bower who wrote the children's book "There's A Party in Heaven".

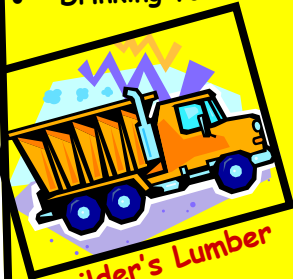
"The things that you'll see and the things that you'll feel are not only nice—they're completely ideal! Think it's pretend? No way! It's all real — in Heaven!" In Christ, there are no forever goodbyes.

## Playground And More!

- Restroom
- Changing table
- Patio tables and chairs
- City park benches
- Drinking fountain



Portland Police & Fire Department



Builder's Lumber



Tagg's Fort



Chocolate Moose



About You Salon



Bader & Sons



Looking Glass Boutique



Train Station

Handicapped accessible

## Open Play

Tuesdays. Wednesdays. Thursdays  
10:00 am—12:00 noon  
(Except holidays)  
Birth—3rd Grade



Must be accompanied by an authorized adult.

## Available for Parties!

Taggart's Playground is available to the community for children's special occasions (ie. Birthday parties, holiday parties, etc.)

Availability subject to Facilities Use guidelines.

Contact the church office to book your special event by calling:  
Phone: 517.647.6578 T.W.Th  
or emailing the church office at [portlandnazarene@sbcglobal.net](mailto:portlandnazarene@sbcglobal.net)

## Facility Fees

\$25 Deposit  
Refundable after event if Agreement terms are met  
\$60 1.5 hours  
\$75 2 hours  
\$120 3 hours



## Policies & Procedures

- A Registration Form must be completed for each child prior to accessing the playground.
- An Acknowledgement of Responsibility and Waiver of Liability must be on file prior to accessing the playground.
- Children must be signed in and supervised by an authorized adult at all times.
- Children must remove shoes and be wearing socks before entering the playground.
- The Code of Conduct must be agreed and adhered to at all times or children / accompanying adults in violation will be asked to leave the premises.
- An authorized Portland Nazarene staff member will be present at all times.



## Code of Conduct

Children deserve a safe place to thrive where their physical, emotional, social and spiritual health is a top priority.

- Portland Church of the Nazarene reserves the right to maintain a Biblically based culture where kids are first.
- Behavior that violates Christian ethics is not the context we feel is in the best interest of the children of Portland.
- Uncontrolled, immodest, provocative, profane, abusive or destructive behavior while on site is considered unsafe for children and therefore unacceptable on the premises.
- Smoking, alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are prohibited on the premises or exterior grounds of Portland Church of the Nazarene.
- Those leasing space for special occasions such as birthday parties, etc. are not exempt from this Code of Conduct.