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## **Celebrating 16th Birthday with Playground Donation**

Alex Griffith of Forest Hill, MD, is preparing to travel to Krasnoyarsk, Russia, where he was born, in late July for the installation of a playground that he helped design and raised the funds to build at Children's Hospital #20, his home for his first 11 months.

Alex's quest to get the playground installed for his Boy Scout Eagle Project was chronicled in the Fall 2008 issue of The Family Focus. The FRUA-DC chapter helped to hook Alex up with Rotary International, which played a key role in helping Alex make contacts in Russia.

In April, Alex reported that he had completed fundraising and had received and inspected the playground and loaded it into a container for a ship sailing from Baltimore to Russia. He announced plans to travel to Krasnoyarsk, in Siberia, from July 29-Aug. 15 to install the playground.

"I will celebrate my 16th birthday in my birth home having the grand opening of the playground. I am so excited. Thank you to everyone who has been so helpful to make all of this possible," he wrote to supporters.

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