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Bradenton Gladiators help build playground for community kids

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Bradenton, FL. - The Bradenton Gladiators assisted in the building of the Village Central playground located at the corner of Fifth Street West and 13th Avenue in Bradenton. This playground is a part of the affordably priced Bradenton Village community.

Over a three day period more than 50 volunteers including members from Bradenton Gladiators Football, Inc., local high school students and members of the Bradenton Rotary Club attended the construction of this one-of-a-kind playground.



Joe Cicirelli of Learning Structures Inc., a professional community-built playground contractor, said "There is no other playground like this in the world, so they have their own identity here." According to Learning Structures Inc., the design of the playground was based on the creative input of the children in the community.

Jeff Charlton, a member of the Bradenton Gladiators young adult football program and volunteer said, "I feel that the Bradenton Gladiators are truly giving back to and bettering our community as well as changing lives.

We are giving our children and young adults positive places to go, keeping them busy, and keeping them out of trouble. I want to thank the Gladiators for the opportunity and having programs for people like me that still have the passion for the game."



This playground as designed by families, neighbors, and of course children marks the completion of the Village Central Apartments. This project is also a safe haven and positive sign of redevelopment of a troubled area once known as Rogers Projects. "It was really touching to see how excited the kids were about the playground, I'm glad we were able to help," said Jason Bottoms and Juan Berdejo of the Bradenton Gladiators.

The volunteers were drenched with perspiration as the temperature reached almost 100 degrees but the group remained dedicated to completing the job for the children of the community.

The Bradenton Gladiators will host its Annual Youth Football Camp & Combine on July 21-23, 2009 at Bayshore High School for youth ages 6 and up. Every child from the Bradenton Village Community that would like to attend will be given a scholarship, courtesy of the members of the Gladiators. This Bradenton Gladiator hosted event costs \$50.00 for pre-registered athletes or \$60.00 at the time of the event. For more information about the camp and scholarships, please contact us via email at gladiators@tampabay.rr.com; visit us online at www.bradentongladiators.com or at (941) 320-7576.