

“Connecting through Communication”

The LJA Provisional Project will serve as an inclusive social project implementing augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) to Gardiner Park benefitting adults and children of all ages. AAC is a form of communication that may aid as a supplement or replacement for spoken or written language—augmentative means to add to someone’s speech, whereas, alternative means to be used instead of speech. AAC may be useful for anyone with speech and language difficulties or as a preference to spoken language. The communication board includes a QR code for access to a free tech version of the provided board in both English and Spanish.

Through this project, LJA hopes to provide inclusivity to all communicators. The structure and resources provided can be utilized by adults or children who are looking to more effectively communicate their wants, needs, feelings, and ideas. Evidence-based research indicates that anyone may benefit from the use of AAC as it supports all forms of verbal speech development. Communication is a basic human right and all individuals should have access to their most preferred method of communication in their native language.

LJA hosted a free event on Thursday, March 6th from 4:00-6:00 pm, called an “Inclusive Day of Play” where the new communication board was introduced to the community. Below you can find a front and back image of the communication board. Additionally, a photo is included with the Laurel Junior Auxiliary Provisional Class who dedicated their time and resources over the past 8 months to successfully complete this project.

Laurel Junior Auxiliary Provisional Class of 2024-2025



Photos from the "Inclusive Day of Play" event

