

Local 75: Building a better community for families

Members of Local 75 are no strangers to community works. Efforts included donating man-hours to a ball field benefiting disabled children and erecting a World War II Memorial honoring Arizona veterans.

More recently, they've given their time to give families visiting the Children's Museum of Phoenix a new adventure that combines fun with environmental consciousness.

Located on the front lawn of the children's museum, the Move It! exhibit/playground features repurposed materials to create a one-of-a-kind spot for fun and adventure. Large curbside trash bins filled with dirt and used as planters create a maze. Heavy PVC culvert pipes form a mountain where children can climb.



A sculpture of fabricated steel erected and welded by union ironworkers serves as art and a shade structure. Ironworkers from Local 75 also installed the rebar for a concrete amphitheater and various footings. The rebar was donated by Gerdau RSW – Arizona, says Terry Wright, president of Local 75.

Trade union volunteers and donated supplies made the playground possible, given its limited budget, said Marc Giannetta, an engineer with Perini Building Company and project manager.

Wright estimates that Local 75 ironworkers donated 300 man-hours to make the playground a reality. "We're proud to be involved," he said.

The playground opened in late April 2014.

