Volunteer work on the original playground at Townswood Park in 1991.

Edwardsville Rotary President and Airplane Park Playground Project Manager James (Jim) Vaught pointed out that it is a chance to recreate that community-building open space together again that they did 22 years ago. And it’s not taking 14 to 16 hours. It’s cooperative. We’ll be cutting the material, drilling holes, measuring and putting it together. Less stress - more fun. Less stress for the kids. That's the goal.

“Volunteers are needed for any of the three shifts - 8 a.m. to noon, 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. – that will be across the five days, Friday through Sunday." vaught said. “We have had feedback from the students that we interacted with don’t care if we come back. They were more interested in their culture shock. They were more interested in learning how to speak English," said Lowe. “If you’re speaking Chinese, they would switch back because they knew it would be quicker and easier. They knew the words and hand us their babies and then walk away. We would go talk to them and they would teach us what they knew. That would also help us in the future. I don’t know where they are going to. We just learn inside the confinement of the classroom is just learning. They were patient with our mistakes and helped us with our problems.”

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