

## Very Special Contributions cont'd

Steve Daugs  
Donn Johnson Excavation Construction  
EC Electrical  
Emerald City Paving  
Far Pastures Nursery  
Grassmaster  
HomeGrocer.com  
International Jewelers  
JB Instant Lawn  
Julius Rosso Nursery & Garden Center  
Lakeside Industries  
Landscape by Design  
Little Tikes  
Magnolia Garden Center  
Max MaGruder  
Mowat Construction  
Office of Sand Point Operations  
Denise Schuyler Peters  
Playscapes Northwest  
Puget Consumer Co-Op  
Recreation Resources  
Red-E-Toppoils  
Seattle Department of  
Parks & Recreation  
Silver Cloud Veler Northwest  
Star Rentals  
Tommy's Brothers Plumbing  
Towner Construction  
United Airlines  
Vibrant Plants Inc.  
Walt's Medicine Nursery  
Wash Hotel  
WTS Construction

This property has been given to the City of Seattle by the National Park Service for Parks and Recreation purposes.

The Junior League of Seattle is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and to improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. Since its founding in 1923, the League has focused its efforts of improving the lives of children, especially at-risk children. By donating millions of dollars and volunteer hours over the years to critical societal issues, the League has made a difference in the lives of children and hence the future of our community. It is a pleasure in this, our 75<sup>th</sup> year, to celebrate our anniversary by giving the lasting gift of a playground to the children.

Monica Cyr Parent - President, Junior League of Seattle (Jan. 1998 - June 1999)

Mary Herche and Mimi McHugh - Co-Chairs, Playground Committee

Historically the Sand Point Peninsula was low, swampy land including a large marshy lake connected to Lake Washington by a salmon bearing stream. Native Americans are believed to have used this area for gathering and fishing. Sand Point was first settled by Euro-Americans in the 1860's. In the 1920's King County began assembling 400 acres of land which it transferred to the federal government for a Naval Air Station. Military operations began in 1924. From 1924 to 1970 the peninsula was developed and actively used as an airfield by the U.S. Navy. In 1970, use of the airfield ended and the peninsula has since been undergoing a long process to convert it back to civilian use. Runways have been removed and Magnuson Park has been developed. This process of converting from military to civilian uses continues with this Junior League of Seattle playground project, symbolically located on the site of the former Naval Air Station Control Tower.