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**Grant Provides City Park with Facelift and New Equipment**  
*Sprite and Habitat for Humanity Upgrade Mason Park*

Drive by Mason Park Community Center today and you will see 6 new player benches on the basketball/tennis courts, 3 park benches by the playground, new basketball nets, new sports equipment, 2 pieces of playground equipment, and about 50 yards of fresh mulch all over the playground. All this is thanks to Habitat for Humanity of Summit County, the Coca-Cola Company, and Sprite's commitment to making a positive difference in the world.

Today, Sprite (Coca Cola) representatives presented a \$10,000 check to Habitat for Humanity to help refurbish the park, located at 700 E. Exchange St. in Akron. At the same time, around 30 Akron Coca-Cola employees and volunteers from Habitat for Humanity of Summit County were working together to revive this heavily used park and provide a fun and useable play-space for the local community.

“I am very appreciative that Sprite, Coca-Cola and Habitat for Humanity of Summit County chose the Mason Community Park to rejuvenate,” said Mayor Don Plusquellic. “It is a heavily used park and I am happy that the families in the neighborhood will have this new equipment to enjoy for years to come.”

The volunteer project held today was part of Sprite’s programming for the second wave of the Sprite Spark Parks Project: Neighborhoods Parks and Community Spaces initiative. At least 30 cities, including Akron, have or will receive funding to refresh or refurbish a neighborhood park.

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