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WORK FOR PLAY: Celebrating the opening of a new playground at Harvey Hall are, from left, Al Eisenberg, Virginia House of Delegates; Barbara Favola, vice chairman, Arlington County Board; Alan Landis, executive director of corporate strategy and development, Corporate Executive Board; and Richard Leeds, president, AHC Management LLC.

WHO'S GIVING: The Corporate Executive Board Co., an Arlington-based company that does research and consulting related to corporate management, Arlington-based AHC Inc., a nonprofit developer of affordable housing, and KaBoom, a D.C.-based nonprofit that helps create play spaces for children

WHO'S RECEIVING: Children living at Harvey Hall, an apartment community that is owned by AHC for low and moderate-income families

WHAT'S BEING GIVEN: All playground building materials, more than 200 build-day volunteers and nine weeks of planning

BACKGROUND: More than 200 volunteers and organizers from AHC, the Corporate Executive Board, KaBoom and the Arlington community worked together Saturday, June 7, to build a 2,500-square-foot playground at Harvey Hall, an apartment community owned by AHC in

Arlington. The playground's design is based on drawings by children who live in the community. The project includes 12 flag murals representing the diversity of Harvey Hall residents, 96 hand-print murals created by the children, an extensive hand-painted world map on the blacktop next to the playground, a wooden sandbox, picnic tables, planter boxes with flowers and park-style benches. Volunteers moved 48,600 square feet of safety surfacing, mixed 16,000 pounds of concrete by hand, consumed 3,000 bottles of water and enjoyed a variety of community entertainment that included the Kenmore Middle School Dance Team. "KaBoom is committed to bringing play back to the neighborhood one playground at a time," says co-founder Darell Hammond, the organization's chief executive officer. "Every child deserves a place to run, jump, have fun and just be a kid. At KaBoom, our vision is a great place to play within walking distance of every child in America, and we're a step closer because of this new playground at Harvey Hall."

A FEW WORDS FROM THE SPONSOR: "As a new member of the community, the Corporate Executive Board is happy to contribute to Arlington County," says Alan Landis, executive director of corporate strategy and development for the company, which moved earlier this year from D.C. to Arlington.