

# Friends of Milford Skatepark



## Did you hear that?

If you were walking in downtown Milford on Saturday the 24th, you would have heard the sound of 100 skateboarders ripping up a small street course in Central Park.

Although the skaters were there to ride in the early fall weather, they were also there to raise funds and awareness for a local skate park. This is where a local non-profit group, the Friends of Milford Skate Park, come in.

The Friends of Milford Skate Park formed with the purpose of raising money to build a FREE skate park for the skateboarders in the township of Milford, Michigan. They see the need for a safe and legal place for all of the extremely talented skateboarders in our area to ride.

Take this in consideration: There have been more public skate parks built in the last three years than in the previous twenty. Surveys report an estimated 50-100 users at any park on any given day, weekdays and weekends, at any time. Compare this to a baseball field that usually stands empty, and at over

I support the park



three times the size of a large skate park, can only accommodate 16 players when used. Also, two tennis courts roughly the size of a small skate park, can only accommodate eight people maximum at one time, and are usually used by only four.

This is the scene we witnessed Saturday. 100 kids all using a small, makeshift skate park of home-made ramps and rails. While close by, basketball, football and baseball fields all lay dormant.

Now imagine that this was a permanent, no-cost skate park available for all ages to skate. Imagine the draw to kids near and far. Imagine the boom to local business. Imagine giving kids something positive to do.

Can you hear that? The kids are speaking. Are you listening?

I am.

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