

Field of Dreams Baseball Park

Southaven, Mississippi



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PROJECT EXPERIENCE

The City of Southaven has met the need for offering physically challenged children and young adults in their community the facilities to play America's favorite pastime, baseball. The "Field of Dreams" Baseball Park is designed to give everyone the opportunity to play baseball, regardless of their physical abilities. Instead of grass and dirt, these fields have a soft athletic surface that offers protection from falls. The surface is also wheelchair friendly and patterned like a real grass field.

The park has a concession building that will supply food and drink to all attendants as well as houses spacious restroom facilities. This unique concession building is designed specifically for the site with a grand entrance that greets visitors and guides them through the building along the 'Avenue of Stars'. This avenue is comprised of a series of brass stars set in an intricate concrete pattern inspired from the infield baseball diamond. Each star is dedicated to the people and organizations that helped make this park a reality. The pathway through the building opens up to a courtyard containing more dedication stars in the shape of a baseball diamond with a brass statue of a boy at bat on home plate.

The park also offers a fishing pier with special railings that allow fishing for everyone. The small children who are not ready for baseball are not left out, as the park is designed to offer a play structure made just for them in the shape of a baseball field.

