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Community comes together for common good

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Tim O'Brien, the head coach of the St. Mary's rugby team, designated Mario Storti (far right) as the lead contact for the Gaels rugby player volunteers. Photo courtesy Susan Chritton

Community Center, the City of Lafayette attorney, Choice-in-Aging, Herc Rentals and the Saint Mary's rugby team worked together to provide playground equipment that will be used by literally hundreds of kids and the seniors that interact with them.

To make room for new equipment being installed, Saint Mary's College rugby players arrived at the Lafayette Community Center playground on Oct. 26 to load the old playground equipment onto a truck heading for Choice in Aging - a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in Pleasant Hill that combines senior living, senior services and a Montessori school on one campus. Kerex - the contractor retained by the city of Lafayette to perform the reconstruction of the playground - has a 65% recycle requirement in its contract, according to Rand Chritton, who participated in the transfer. "By donating the equipment to Choice in Aging, 100% of the playground equipment has been recycled."

Chritton said the players showed up on time, worked as a team to move all of the equipment and then traveled to Pleasant Hill where they unloaded the playground structures at the Choice-in-Aging campus. "This is one of those times when a number of individuals and entities come together for a common good," Chritton said. "Everyone, from John Warshaw at the Lafayette

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