

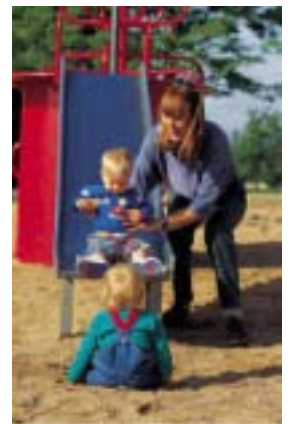


Ravenswood Snapshot

Total Population: 76,402
Median Age: 35
Never Married: 44%
Married: 30%
Households with Children: 19%
Average Household Income: \$50,625
Residents with Bachelors Degree: 36%
Residents with Graduate Degree: 25%

The Mission

For over 75 years Chase Park in Ravenswood has been a gathering place for local families. Throughout the year it is home to an after-school program, an outdoor pool in the summer months and numerous yearlong sports leagues (indoor and outdoor) for people of all ages. The park also entertains the fine arts with numerous plays produced by its community theatre group. After 75 years of use, it is time to upgrade the playground in order to provide further enjoyment for future generations and to comply with current safety standards. The Raven, taking place June 5th, 6th and 7th at beautiful Chase Park and on Clark Street (between Lawrence and Leland) will benefit Chase Park by providing funds to build a new playground, and replace existing equipment. It is our goal to maintain the spirit and history of Chase Park and to raise \$1 million for a new playground.



The Park



This wonderful local park is rich in history. Once a deserted semi-professional baseball field in 1913, it was converted to Chase Park by the Lincoln Park Commission in 1920. Later the park was consolidated into the Chicago Park District. Chase Park was named after Salmon P. Chase, Secretary of the Treasury under Abraham Lincoln and later Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

The Players

In an effort to build a playground for future generations, the entire community is joining together to make this dream a reality. The Raven, a festival to raise funding for this project, is sponsored by the Chase Park Advisory Council, the Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce, the Community Building Tutors, the Ravenswood Community Council, Alderman Gene Schuller and the Chicago Park District.

