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CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY ON MEMORIAL WALL IN METCALFE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD

MILWAUKEE — After nearly six years of planning and fundraising, construction has begun on a community park and memorial wall located at the intersection of North 37th Street and West Lisbon Avenue in Milwaukee's Metcalfe Park neighborhood. The project is intended to bring healing and stability to a neighborhood that has experienced a great deal of poverty, crime and violence.

A 10-foot wall will serve as the focal point of the park, memorializing victims of homicide in the neighborhood and celebrating those who have worked hard to stop the violence. The wall's tiles will be inscribed with the names of these individuals as well as poetry.

The Metcalfe Park neighborhood project originated from a retreat held in 2002 and involves local artists, residents and students from area schools such as West Side Academy, 37th Street School and Hi-Mount School. Making Connections Milwaukee, LISC, Lisbon Avenue Neighborhood Development, Next Door Foundation and In Their Best Interest have all been involved as well. Eppstein Uhen Architects donated architectural services for the project, CG Schmidt donated construction services and Central Redi-mix donated materials.

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