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SUBJECT: Shiway and Sadie Barry Memorial Dedication Ceremony to be held at Chester Park playground on Friday, September 29 at 3:00 pm

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Chester Park playground on Friday, September 29 at 3:00 pm**

[DULUTH, MN] The City of Duluth and loved ones of the Barry Family invite the public to a memorial dedication ceremony at the Chester Park playground on Friday, September 29 at 3:00 pm. The ceremony is an opportunity for community members to come together to remember and celebrate the lives of Shiway and Sadie Barry, and to celebrate the recent playground improvements completed in their honor. The ceremony will take place at the Chester Park playground, located at 1801 E Skyline Drive.

In April 2022, the lives of the Barry family – Riana (44), Sean (47), Shiway (12), Sadie (9) – were tragically taken by gun violence. Chester Park was a beloved destination for the Barry family, especially for Shiway and Sadie. Loved ones of the Barry family, in cooperation with City staff, have come together to coordinate a memorial project at the Chester Park playground. Family, friends, and community members raised \$22,000 to support adding a new spinner element and an accessible swing, converting the fall zone from sand to engineered wood fiber, incorporating an accessible pathway to the playground, and installing a bench in remembrance of the children. Additional funding support for the project came from the Parks Capital Fund.

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