



This month read a letter from **Goodland, Indiana Head Start Center**. "Taking It Outside" is a new favorite activity for the children and staff!

"Dear Head Start Body Start:

We are pleased to send you the before and after pictures of the Head Start playground at our Goodland, Indiana site. The improvement is breathtaking. With the help of Playspace, the Newton County Community Foundation, and the Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District, and the Town of Goodland, this play area has been transformed into an inviting and clean area in which our children can thrive.

"Taking it Outdoors" is definitely a treat now. A picture of the children in their new environment is on the cover of the Newton County Community Foundation Annual Report sent to the public. A sign lists the various entities who made the transformation! The partnerships were essential for the realization of this project.

As a result of this project, our local county commissioners donated funds for a second Head Start site to increase the safety aspect of the playground with a recycled rubber pour carpet in the fall areas.

Thank you so much for the \$5,000 first award that started this change for our rural program in two locations! We look forward to transforming another site as soon as funds can be received.

Sincerely, Belinda Gutwein, Director"



