

Case Study

Lancaster YWCA



Details

Location: Lancaster, PA

Description: 1,000-square-feet of PlayGuard
Pigmented Tile, 200 square-feet of PlayGuard
Safari Ultra Tile

Flooring Choice:

- 2.5-inch Red PlayGuard Pigmented Tile
- 2.5-inch PlayGuard Safari Ultra Tile Rain Drops
- 300 17mm Quad-Blok Connectors

Project Needs

Tested for critical fall ratings
Unsurpassed durability

Project Benefits

Ergonomic
Sustainable
Easy Installation
Simple to Maintain
Slip Resistant



Ecore Supports YWCA with PlayGuard Donation



On November 22, 2014, the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) in Lancaster, Pa., celebrated its 125th anniversary. For more than a century, the YWCA Lancaster's mission has been to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

Of the many services the YWCA Lancaster offers, its childcare service is, undoubtedly, one of the most frequently utilized. The YWCA Lancaster provides curriculum designed to "promote a child's individual intellectual, physical, and emotional development."

In 2009, the YWCA reached out to Ecore, a company that transforms reclaimed waste into unique performance surfacing and is also located in Lancaster, for assistance in reconstructing the rooftop play area. The original surface featured a rubber paver system, which was no longer up to regulation standards. Ecore assisted the YWCA in its playground renovation by donating 1,000 square-feet of Red PlayGuard Pigmented Tile, 200 square-feet of PlayGuard Safari Ultra Tile in Rain Drops, and 300 Quad-Blok Connectors.

PlayGuard Safety Surfacing comes in a variety of colors and is manufactured from performance rubber, which cushions falls. The Safari Ultra line offers a touch of color, while the Carnival Ultra

line provides more bold and energetic designs. Customers can also select one of four standard hues in the Pigmented line for a natural backdrop. PlayGuard also features custom color and logo capabilities for limitless design creations that match any theme!

Since its installation, those working at the YWCA Lancaster have been very pleased with PlayGuard. "[The tiles] provide the necessary cushion should kids fall on it," stated Deborah Sims, the Childcare Services Director at the YWCA Lancaster. She notes the center's rooftop playground is "one of the most used spaces."

Sims was also pleased with the fact the PlayGuard tiles were not only in line with safety certification standards in 2009, but also continue to pass the tests in 2014. This particular sentiment indicates that Ecore has been ahead of its time, providing quality surfacing that not only passes inspection, but also exceeds basic safety regulations. From this perspective, there is no need to worry about the safety characteristics of PlayGuard tiles deteriorating over time. Even five years after its installation, Sims speaks on behalf of everyone at the YWCA Lancaster in stating, "We would absolutely use this surface again!"

