

# PlayGuard®

PLAYGROUND SAFETY SURFACING



## Lancaster YWCA

Lancaster, PA - 2009

The YWCA is an organization making an active difference in lives and communities throughout the United States. Women are drawn to the organization for a variety of reasons, ranging from crisis situations to job training or childcare. As an organization devoted to community improvement, the YWCA is a safe haven not just for women, but for their children as well. To ensure that these children are given the same attention and care that their mothers receive, the YWCA provides facilities and resources to accommodate their needs as well as offering dedicated amenities such as playgrounds or recreational areas.

**Description:** YWCA

**Distributor:** ECORE International

**Flooring Choice:** PlayGuard Pigmented Tiles



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In Lancaster, Pennsylvania, the PlayGuard surfacing that ECORE International had originally donated to the rooftop playground area of the YWCA had been worn by consistent use and was in need of replacement. As a charity organization with limited funding, this became an expensive hurdle for the YWCA staff and was met with equal challenges in product selection due to the playground's unique rooftop location. Standard mulch, loose-filled, or poured-in-place surfacing systems could not be installed without causing damage to the roofing membrane and many were not ADA compliant. To accommodate these distinct surfacing needs, the YWCA turned to the local manufacturer that had first supplied their original flooring over 12 years ago. They were met yet again by a generous and willing contribution.

ECORE International, located in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, donated 1,200 feet of their PlayGuard safety surfacing to the local YWCA. The 2' x 2' pigmented tiles were hand delivered and installed by ECORE employees. The team began by removing and transporting the old surfacing for re-grind back at the ECORE plant, and proceeded to unload new tiles from the truck. They spent the day installing and presented a transformed playground to the children by evening. In red and green pigmented hues, the tiles added a new energy to the playground. Their unique footed design allows for easy water drainage and adhesive-free installation, preventing damage to the roof membrane.

The Lancaster YWCA's playground was a project very much aligned with ECORE's corporate commitment to improve the health of communities as well as the natural environment. With a 15-year warranty established from a reputation of durable quality, PlayGuard provided the organization with years of safe, durable, and environmentally sustainable surfacing.



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