



**“I’m gonna tell them to come & they will be so happy of me!” – Josie Works Through the Struggle of Being Alone**

On *October 2<sup>nd</sup>*, 2017 eleven children walked with Kalei & Rachel to Ormond-Grant Park, colloquially known as “the green park.” After a session of vigorous play Kalei spotted Josie sitting solemnly on the somewhat distant bench swing. Noticing her pout, she asked Josie how she was feeling; “I’m sad.” After some exploratory conversation, it was uncovered that loneliness was the issue, but she hadn’t actually invited anyone to be with her! Kalei wondered how people would know she wanted company if she didn’t explicitly ask!? Josie said with confident glee she was “gonna tell them to come & they will be so happy of me!” Aleita, Josie’s first recruit, also helped her climb back up onto the swing (Rachel had helped the first time)! Aleita was delighted to push Josie “as fast as a cheetah,” then Colin “as fast as a peregrine falcon, which is faster than a cheetah,” & then ultimately Ruby, Preston, & Reece, too.

