

On January 19, 2010, the City Council of Kansas City, Kansas unanimously approved the city's portion of funding for a soccer stadium development near The Legends Shopping Center at Village West.

Children's Mercy Park breaks the mold for soccer-specific stadiums. Dubbed the most technologically advanced, with its high-definition lighting, crystal clear video boards and modern, solar-friendly roof that ensures all 18,467 seats will remain dry in the event of rain. The stadium was designed in such a way that will allow for additional expansion in future years. The stadium features give separate clubs, including the one-of-a-kind Member's Club for the club's most ardent fans, The Cauldron. Children's Mercy Park was named Venue of the Year at the 2012 Stadium Business awards in Turin, Italy.

The stadium opened on June 9, 2011 in front of a packed house. Fireworks lit up the sky in front of a nationally televised audience as Sporting Kansas City christened the field with guests the Chicago Fire.

Children's Mercy Park serves as a perfect concert venue when the built-in stage is uncovered with 1,500 removable seats in the south end of the stadium and the seating capacity increases to 25,000. The stadium hosted the likes of Willie Nelson, Dave Matthews Band, Neil Young and John Mellencamp when Farm Aid 2011 brought its soulful, philanthropic cause to town. The stadium also played host to Buzz Beach Ball that has brought Incubus, Sublime, Foster the People, Tool, and The Shins to town.

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