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Memorial Park Association Meets The Delores Barr Weaver \$20,000 Restoration Challenge

Jacksonville, Fla. — August 18, 2015 — [The Memorial Park Association](#) is pleased to announce that over \$20,000 has been contributed to the **Delores Barr Weaver Restoration Challenge Grant** campaign fund.

The fundraising campaign was launched in early June after the Delores Barr Weaver Fund offered to match \$20,000 raised specifically for restoration. All funds from this campaign will support restoration of the park's facilities, such as the entry gate and the fencing along Riverside Avenue.

Agnes Danciger, president of the Memorial Park Association, said how appreciative the association was to Delores Barr Weaver for offering the Restoration Challenge. "Not only did it provide an opportunity to earmark money for numerous restoration needs, it widened the circle of supporters and network of patrons of the park. Donations ranged from \$1 to \$5,000 and came from both longtime supporters, as well as individuals who have never contributed before. Being able to meet the challenge within a two month window is evidence of how much Memorial Park is treasured by our community."

"I'm delighted that those who cherish this wonderful park have come forward to help restore and preserve it for everyone to enjoy," said Delores Barr Weaver. "This is a wonderful demonstration of substantive support and I applaud the Memorial Park Association for achieving this match so quickly."

The Delores Barr Weaver Fund at [The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida](#) was established in 2012 with a \$50 million gift. It remains the largest gift in the Foundation's 51-year history.

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About Memorial Park and the Memorial Park Association

Memorial Park is located at 1620 Riverside Ave., between Margaret Street and Memorial Park Drive in Riverside near the 5 Points area of Jacksonville, Fla. Established in 1986, The Memorial Park Association is a nonprofit charitable organization serving its mission to enhance, promote and preserve Memorial Park as the premier historic park in the City of Jacksonville. Designed by the famed Olmsted Brothers and dedicated on Dec. 25, 1924, it is the only park in the state dedicated to the 1,220 Floridians who lost their lives in service during World War I. In 2012, the Memorial Park Association initiated major planning efforts to restore and rehabilitate Memorial Park to its original grandeur, culminating in the development of a viable master plan that will serve as the foundation for continued restoration efforts. Learn more about Memorial Park and the Memorial Park Association [here](#) or visit them on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).