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Memorial Park Association Reaches Halfway Mark Of Raising \$20,000 For Restoration Challenge Grant

Delores Barr Weaver Fund to award matching grant upon completion

Jacksonville, Fla. — July 20, 2015 — [The Memorial Park Association](#) is pleased to announce it has received donations of more than \$10,000, taking it more than halfway to its fundraising goal of \$20,000. The association will receive a **\$20,000 Matching Restoration Challenge Grant** from the Delores Barr Weaver Fund upon completion of this fundraising goal.

All funds from this campaign will support restoration of the park's facilities, including the entry gate and the fencing along Riverside Avenue. Community contributions may be made at memparkjax.org/donate.

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](#).