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Delores Barr Weaver matching gift challenge raises \$100,000 for CAP

In celebration of the Cathedral Arts Project's 25th anniversary, Delores Barr Weaver issued a matching gift challenge to provide \$25,000 if an additional \$75,000 could be secured.

CAP is pleased to announce that, thanks to the generosity of Helen Lane, Monica & Bob Jacoby, and Joannie & Russell Newton Jr., the \$75,000 goal was reached and additional \$25,000 received from the Delores Barr Weaver Fund, totaling \$100,000 in financial support to finish out the 2017-2018 school year.

"Delores has supported our work with children for over two decades and was the inaugural recipient of our Guardian of the Arts Award in 2006," said CAP President & CEO Kimberly L. Hyatt. "Her philanthropic leadership continues to not only underwrite arts education for our community's children, but also inspire others to give as well."

Mrs. Weaver established her Fund at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida in 2012 to provide grants to nonprofit organizations that do work she has supported over many years and to encourage others to do so, as well. A year later, in 2013, she established an endowment to benefit the Cathedral Arts Project.

Because of the generous support of Mrs. Weaver and others, CAP was able to reach its 2017-2018 school year goals. More than 1,000 local students participated in CAP programs, receiving over 2,000 hours of instruction in dance, music, theatre and the visual arts.

Discussing her support of arts education, Mrs. Weaver once said, "We feel there is much to be gained by exposing children to the arts. It is our hope that somehow their lives will be positively changed because they see and understand the beauty beyond their everyday surroundings."

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*The **Cathedral Arts Project** is the leading nonprofit provider of quality, comprehensive and ongoing instruction in the visual and performing arts for elementary and middle school students in Duval County. The driving force behind all CAP programs is the belief that the arts matter – they provide essential skills, like creative thinking, perseverance, teamwork and self-discipline, that benefit all people in all areas of their lives.*

Too often, certain populations of students do not have access to an arts-rich education because of limited access and resources in their schools, communities or homes. Yet these are the students for which the arts can have the strongest and longest-lasting impacts. CAP needs your support to accomplish its vision for every child in Northeast Florida to have access to a well-rounded, arts-rich education that endows his or her spirit with the imagination, self-confidence and strength of character that inspires great leadership and a will to succeed. Learn more at capkids.org.