



## Atlanta Memorial Park Conservancy 2016 Annual Fund Fast Facts

**What Your Dollars Do:** Your dollars help make Atlanta Memorial Park a beautiful and environmentally sustainable park, providing a variety of experiences for the enjoyment of all who use the park.

Your donation funds the ongoing operations of the Conservancy that has made it possible for the Conservancy since its inception to create a master plan for the Park and seek its implementation. Our master plan has served as a catalyst to generate over \$20 million in expected improvements to Bobby Jones Golf Course and Bitsy Grant Tennis Center, raise funds to complete a \$100,000 Memorial Park Walkways Project Feasibility Study for the implementation of our many other projects listed below, create and build relationships with various partners including the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Department of Watershed Management and the Office of the Mayor to address needs within Atlanta Memorial Park's borders, and lead educational and community events.

Supporting the Annual Fund will ensure that the Atlanta Memorial Park Conservancy continues to build on its solid foundation to implement its 2017 goals making *Atlanta Memorial Park a treasured resource for our neighborhoods, the City of Atlanta and all who visit this park.*

### OUR PLANS FOR 2017:

- Coordinate with Renew Atlanta to bring 5-foot wide accessible concrete perimeter sidewalks, granite curbing and improved drainage to Memorial Park (\$2.8M project)
- Initiate capital campaign to implement Memorial Park Walkways Project recommendations including restoration of tree canopy, replanting of native plants & removal of invasive species, and improved nature trails
- Raise funds to implement Phase II of playground project including benches, picnic tables, bike racks, litter receptacles and drinking fountain
- Partner with the City and the PATH Foundation to complete multi-use trail on east side of Northside Drive
- Continue partnership with the Department of Watershed Management to rectify sewer and watershed issues in Memorial Park
- Continue educational events and volunteer work days

### OUR RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Gained City of Atlanta approval for Memorial Park Walkways Project including completion of construction documents for accessible sidewalks/nature trails
- Received Legacy Grant from Park Pride for a Memorial Park Walkways Project Feasibility Study (Raised \$57,000+ to match \$50,000 Legacy Grant award)
- Formed a Technical Advisory Group with the Mayor's office to address sewer and watershed issues including a budget of over \$32M in capital improvements to the park's aging infrastructure
- Partnered with PATH Foundation to bring the 0.3 mile Bitsy PATH section to Atlanta Memorial Park
- Worked with partners to bring 3 new platform tennis courts to Bitsy Grant Tennis Center
- Raised funds/partnered with the City and community to design/install new playground
- Replanted native plants and removed invasive species including upcoming sheep grazing project and multiple volunteer work days
- Installed Way Finding and Champion Tree interpretive signage in Memorial Park (coming soon)
- Held numerous educational events and volunteer work days in the park including the removal of over 5 tons of trash and debris from Peachtree Creek