



Elevate Jacksonville Establishes \$1 Million Endowment to Support Youth Development

Represents largest donation ever received by the organization

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – August 3, 2026 – [Elevate Jacksonville](#), a proud affiliate of [Elevate USA](#), will be expanding its impact on students in Jacksonville thanks to a generous \$1 million gift from The Warren & Augusta Hume Foundation. The donation represents the largest financial award in Elevate Jacksonville's history and will support critical programming in local schools in perpetuity.

"We can't build life-changing relationships with students without the support of individuals and organizations like The Warren & Augusta Hume Foundation," said Carla Austin, CEO and Executive Director of Elevate Jacksonville. "They've been a consistent champion of ours since we started, and this gift will make an indelible impact on the development of many lives."

The donation will be used to establish an endowment for Elevate Jacksonville at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, which will provide permanent support for the work of the organization from investment earnings. The Community Foundation manages more than 50 agency endowments for local nonprofits, providing unrestricted operating support annually without the burdens of asset management and record-keeping requirements.

Elevate Jacksonville currently provides programming in Jean Ribault Middle and High Schools, as well as Westside Middle and High Schools in Jacksonville. Elevate Jacksonville equips students through teacher-mentor relationships, accredited curriculum, character development, adventure experiences and post-secondary preparation. Since 2019, Elevate Jacksonville has served more than 4,500 students, including approximately 500 in 2025.

Elevate Jacksonville is an affiliate of Elevate USA, which has 19 affiliates across the country, including three in Florida in Jacksonville, Orlando and



Tampa. For more information on Elevate Jacksonville and how you can get involved, please visit elevatejacksonville.org.

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About Elevate Jacksonville:

Elevate Jacksonville is an affiliate of Elevate USA, whose mission is to build long-term, life-changing relationships with youth, equipping them to thrive and contribute to their community. For more information on how you can get involved, please visit elevatejacksonville.org.