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## **Jack and Thelma Urfer donate \$1 million for park**

The Sarasota community and Sarasota County Parks and Recreation received the ultimate stocking stuffer Wednesday morning – \$1 million. Jack and Thelma Urfer, owners of Southpointe Motors on Clark Road, presented a check to the Sarasota County Commission during its meeting at the Sarasota County Administration Center.

The board voted to re-name the park at 6100 Honore Ave. the Urfer Family Park. The park, previously named Honore Trail Park, encompasses more than 50 acres at the intersection of Honore Avenue and Bee Ridge Road. Purchased by the county in 2002 for \$6 million, the park is in the first stage of capital improvements. Urfer Family Park will have a playground, walking trails, a picnic area, and lots of family oriented programs. The park is also home to the historic Wilson House, which was moved to the site in 2004.

“This park will cater to families, preserve a piece of Sarasota’s heritage and provide a great recreational resource in the middle of an urban area,” said John McCarthy, general manager of Sarasota County Parks and Recreation. “This donation indicates how much our community cares about its parks.”

The Urfers presented the donation to the board as a gift-wrapped oversized check, which board chair Shannon Stueb and commissioner Nora Patterson unwrapped.

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask about the Urfer Family Park.

Media note: A low-res picture of the presentation is attached. A hi-res version is available upon request.

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