

Mardi Gras World to host fundraising event for Devon Walker

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Mardi Gras World of New Orleans, in partnership with a number of local businesses and supporters, is planning a fundraising event for injured Tulane University student Devon Walker from 8 p.m. to midnight on Thursday (Sept. 27).



All funds raised at Thursday's benefit will go toward helping Devon Walker and his family. (Photo from Tulane athletics)

Walker fractured his spine while making a tackle during a football game two weeks ago.

A \$20 minimum donation (\$10 for students) is being requested at the door, and larger donations are encouraged. One hundred percent of the cash donations will go to the [Devon Walker Fund](#) and help defray Walker's medical and other costs.

"As the father of two boys who play football, my heart goes out to Devon and his family," said Barry Kern, the president and CEO of Mardi Gras World and Tulane University alumnus. "Mardi Gras World hosts events throughout the year, and when I heard Devon's story, I knew we could help by putting on a world-class fundraiser to

attract as many donors and supporters as possible.”

T-shirts and charm bracelets featuring Devon's jersey number (18) also will be on sale at the event to support the Devon Walker Fund.

The event will offer donors great food from some of New Orleans' finest restaurants and entertainment by local performers.

Mardi Gras World, located at 1380 Port of New Orleans Place, is hosting the event with a group of Tulane University alumni and students who wanted to organize a community event to raise money to help Devon and his family.

In addition, Mardi Gras World is seeking businesses to help sponsor the event through in-kind contributions. Anyone who wants to participate can email [Paolo Lossi](#) or call 504-527-0393.

[Donations](#) are being accepted online for the Devon Walker Fund, and checks made out to "Devon Walker Fund" can be sent to: Tulane Football, James W. Wilson Jr. Center, Ben Weiner Drive, New Orleans, LA 70118, attn: Devon Walker.