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Kates Foundation Grant to Forty Carrots Benefits Teen Parents

SARASOTA, FL – The Kates Foundation granted \$10,000 to Forty Carrots Family Center in support of its programs providing parenting education and mental health services to teen parents and their children at Riverview High School and North Port High School. Forty Carrots' program fosters healthy relationships between young parents enrolled in Sarasota County Schools' CYESIS Teen Parent Program and their children, strengthening the parent-child bond and reducing the likelihood of poor outcomes while building confidence and skills to create a better future for the whole family.

"Teen parents want to do the best possible job raising their children, just like all of us," says Michelle Kapreilian, Executive Director. "At Forty Carrots we believe that all families deserve, and can benefit from, information and support. Teen parents face additional pressures that make these services absolutely critical and with the help of the Kates Foundation we can be there for these often vulnerable families."

Forty Carrots delivers parenting education and mental health services to teen parents at their high school as part of their weekly class schedule, through a partnership with Sarasota County Schools that has been in place since 1996. The agency receives no funding from the Schools and raises the money to provide the program through grants, individuals and special events. More information is available at www.fortycarrots.org or by calling 941-365-7716.

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