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Forty Carrots Expands to New Building – Capital Campaign in Progress

August 28, 2015 – Forty Carrots Family Center recently purchased the building adjacent to its existing Kane Campus and is undertaking a \$600,000 capital campaign to underwrite the cost of the project. The campaign was launched with a leadership gift of \$200,000 from The Brunckhorst Family, and the not-for-profit organization has raised another \$235,000 thus far. Forty Carrots is seeking donations to raise the remaining \$165,000. Naming opportunities are available.

The purchase of the building at 1426 Tuttle Avenue will allow Forty Carrots to expand its Parenting Education and Mental Health Programs by creating more Child and Family Therapy Rooms. Relocating some administrative staff to the new building also will provide much-needed workspace for program staff at the Kane Campus and enable the creation of a new Science Room for the Preschool at Forty Carrots.

“This was an incredibly timely opportunity for us to purchase the building across the street. We are now serving more than 3,500 children and adults throughout the community each year, and our current center is bursting at the seams,” said Forty Carrots Executive Director Michelle Kapreilian. “The dedicated Science Room was top of the ‘dream big’ wish list for our preschool. We are so grateful to the Brunckhorst Family for kicking off this campaign and helping to make this dream come true.”

In addition to the Brunckhorst Family’s leadership gift, substantial contributions have been made by the Steinwachs Family Foundation, Dart Foundation, Jemison-DeLong Family, Publix Super Markets Charities and the Janet & Stanley Kane Foundation. Forty Carrots also has benefitted from significant in-kind donations of professional services from Richard C. Lawrence, real estate attorney with the law firm of Williams Parker and former board chair for Forty Carrots.

Founded in 1993, Forty Carrots Family Center is guided by a vision that all parents will provide their children with experiences and environments that are emotionally and physically safe so that they can grow into capable and caring young people. In addition to its NAEYC-accredited Preschool and award-winning Parenting Center, the organization provided more than 1,300 free parenting education and mental health classes throughout the community last year, as well as individual child and family therapy sessions. The organization recently expanded its free Community Outreach Program, increasing by 45 percent the number of free classes provided at 25 partner locations. Information: www.fortycarrots.org.

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