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Wilson-Wood Foundation Grant Funds Parenting Education for Court-Ordered Families

SARASOTA, FL – The **Wilson Wood Foundation** has granted Forty Carrots Family Center \$10,000 to help underwrite classes for parents ordered by the court to participate in parenting education. This gift will help to offset the increased costs associated with the new, more stringent requirements set forth by the 12th Judicial Circuit to ensure effectiveness of the program.

In keeping with the new requirements for agencies providing parenting education to court ordered families, Forty Carrots utilizes an evidence-based curriculum that is particularly effective with at-risk parents, including those who experienced abuse in their own childhood. To meet the court order, participating parents complete a 12 hour series and participate in two individual observations. Classes are completely free of charge.

“It is absolutely essential that these services remain free and available for the parents that need them. We know that this parenting education is reaching some of our community’s most at risk families and makes a real difference in the lives of children,” said Michelle Kapreilian, executive director of Forty Carrots Family Center. “We are so grateful to the Wilson Wood Foundation for helping us to meet this critical need.”

Forty Carrots receives no funding from the court 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.

Wilson-Wood Foundation has granted organizations in Sarasota and Manatee Counties the ability to operate, expand, modernize, rebuild and deliver services to the less fortunate for many years. In 2015, the Foundation awarded a total of \$395,000 through 20 grants.

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