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**FORTY CARROTS WINS  
TAMPA BAY'S 2014 NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR EDUCATION AWARD**

SARASOTA, FL (June 19, 2014) – Forty Carrots Family Center was named Tampa Bay's "Nonprofit of the Year" in the education category at the Tampa Bay Business Journal's prestigious 2014 Nonprofit of the Year Awards ceremony on June 5.

More than 40 Tampa Bay nonprofit organizations were recognized as finalists in eight categories by an independent panel of judges. From those finalists, eight were honored in their respective categories. Forty Carrots was named top Nonprofit of the Year Award in the Education category for delivering essential community services benefitting children and families in a fiscally responsible manner.

"Forty Carrots is thrilled to be recognized as Tampa Bay's top Nonprofit in the Education category this year," said Forty Carrots Executive Director Michelle Kapreilian. "Our team of childhood and parenting educators, licensed therapists, and our terrific support staff, work hard every day to provide exceptional early childhood education and give families the tools they need to raise their children in safe, happy and healthy homes. This award is a testament to their dedication and commitment to the families and communities we serve."

Founded in 1993, Forty Carrots Family Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening families through educational programs for parents, children, and professionals in the field. Each year, it serves nearly 2,000 families through comprehensive parenting education, community outreach, professional training programs and nationally accredited preschool.

For information about its programs and services, visit its website at: [www.fortycarrots.org](http://www.fortycarrots.org) or call (941) 365-7716.

PHOTO ATTACHED: L-R: Brian Carter, event sponsor and partner, Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC. and Michelle Kapreilian, executive director of Forty Carrots Family Center.

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