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Community Foundation of Sarasota County Awards \$12,500 to Forty Carrots for Single Mothers Through Edward K. Roberts Fund

July 5, 2016 – Single mothers will receive free parenting education and mental health services, thanks in part to a \$12,500 grant from the Edward K. Roberts Fund at the Community Foundation of Sarasota County. The services will be provided through Forty Carrots Family Center’s Free Community Outreach program.

“All parents, regardless of socioeconomic status, age or other factors, deserve access to information, education and support in order to do the best possible job raising their children” said Michelle Kapreilian. “This generous grant will allow us to work with single mothers addressing their unique needs. We are so grateful to the Foundation for partnering with us in our work to strengthen families.”

Through collaborations with other local nonprofits, Forty Carrots Family Center delivers free parenting education and mental health services throughout Sarasota and Manatee Counties where clients are already receiving other services. Parents at Salvation Army, Safe Place Rape Crisis Center (SPARCC) and the CYESIS Teen Parenting Program at Riverview High School are a few examples. More information is available at fortycarrots.org.

Forty Carrots Family Center strives to provide children with a Good Beginning That Lasts a Lifetime through its NAEYC-accredited Preschool, award-winning Parenting Center, and Free Community Outreach Program providing more than 1,300 free parenting education and mental health classes throughout the community annually. Rated 4-Stars by Charity Navigator, Forty Carrots fundraises to provide these services to families from all walks of life, with 90% of families receiving free services. www.fortycarrots.org

Community Foundation of Sarasota County, Inc. The Community Foundation is a public charity founded in 1979 by the Southwest Florida Estate Planning Council as a resource for caring individuals and the causes they support, enabling them to make a charitable impact on the community. With assets of over \$292 million in more than 1,300 charitable funds, the Community Foundation awarded grants and scholarships totaling more than \$16 million dollars this past year in the areas of education, health and human services, the arts, animal welfare, and the environment. Since our founding, more than \$160 million has been invested back into the community through grants and scholarships. For more information, visit www.CFSarasota.org.

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