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## **Forty Carrots Receives Grants to Provide Free Parenting Education & Mental Health Services**

May 8, 2017 - Forty Carrots Family Center, a local nonprofit dedicated to strengthening families, will provide free parenting education and mental health services in Sarasota and Manatee Counties with the support of two recent grants. An award of \$5,000 from Designing Women will provide weekly group therapy support to mothers enrolled in Salvation Army's Pathways of Hope program working toward self-sufficiency. A gift of \$4,000 from the Weichel Family Fund and Wells Fargo Fund of the Manatee Community Foundation will underwrite Partners In Play parenting classes at Braden River Public Library during the summer months, allowing parents and children to learn & grow together.

"The broad reach of Forty Carrots free programs is only possible because of the generous support of many grantors and donors, including Designing Women and Manatee Community Foundation," said Michelle Kapreilian, Forty Carrots' executive director. "We are grateful beyond words for the investment these two granting organizations have made in stronger families and a stronger community."

Forty Carrots Family Center provides more than 1,000 free parenting education and mental health therapy groups annually throughout Sarasota and Manatee Counties. To learn more: [www.fortycarrots.org](http://www.fortycarrots.org).

**About Forty Carrots.** Forty Carrots Family Center strives to provide children with a Good Beginning That Lasts a Lifetime through its Parenting Program, Mental Health Services, and Preschool. Rated 4-Stars by Charity Navigator, Forty Carrots fundraises to provide these services to families from all walks of life, with 93% of families receiving free services. To learn more about Forty Carrots programs: [www.fortycarrots.org](http://www.fortycarrots.org).

**About Designing Women.** The mission of Designing Women Boutique is to meaningfully grow funding for Sarasota's arts and human services organizations through fundraising events, and by selling gently used donated and consigned unique designer fashion, furniture, art, and accessories. Now celebrating its 14th year of giving back to the Sarasota community, Designing Women Boutique & Estate Services has bestowed over \$1,750,000 in grants and re-donations to more than 70 non-profit recipients. [www.designingwomensrq.org](http://www.designingwomensrq.org)

**About Manatee Community Foundation.** Manatee Community Foundation works together with philanthropic individuals and businesses to achieve lasting good in Manatee County. Now with \$37 million in assets, the Foundation is home to more than 240 impactful funds that address opportunities in our community in the areas of human services, health, animal welfare, the environment, arts and culture, and civic engagement. Since its founding in 1998, Manatee Community Foundation has awarded \$18 million in grants and scholarships. [www.manateecf.org](http://www.manateecf.org)

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