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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Forty Carrots and Tuttle Elementary Partnership to benefit from \$18,000 grant

**(SARASOTA, FL - AUGUST 1, 2019)** Forty Carrots Family Center has been awarded an \$18,000 grant from the Allen Wirtz Nobbe and Jo Bowen Nobbe Fund at the Community Foundation of Sarasota County to expand its Partners in Play® (PIP) parenting education with weekly groups at Tuttle Elementary School.

The generous grant builds on Forty Carrots' current partnership with Tuttle Elementary by offering parenting education in addition to mental health services to children and families. Designed to serve the needs of parents and children (ages 0 -5) together, PIP parenting education groups foster positive parent-child relationships that are a proven vital factor in mitigating the negative impact of stressors like poverty or homelessness on children's mental health and subsequent school success.

"Forty Carrots' strong collaborations with outreach partners such as Tuttle Elementary are essential to strengthening families and our community at large," said Forty Carrots CEO Michelle Kapreilian. "The Community Foundation of Sarasota County knows that ensuring all families have the knowledge and support to raise their children in nurturing environments is necessary for healthy development and future student success."

"There is much research to support the interaction between parents and their young children and its impact on brain development," said Tuttle Principal Patti Folino. "We are excited to partner with Forty Carrots to bring PIP to our school community, providing an accessible and effective opportunity to establish strong foundations for learning for our young students."

About Forty Carrots. Since 1993, Forty Carrots Family Center has served the Sarasota & Manatee communities by providing children with good beginnings that last a lifetime through its expertise in Parenting Education, Mental Health Services, and Early Childhood Education. 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. Visit [fortycarrots.org](http://fortycarrots.org) for more information.

Community Foundation of Sarasota County. The Community Foundation of Sarasota County 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 \$398 million in more than 1,400 charitable funds, the Community Foundation awarded grants and scholarships totaling \$34 million dollars last year in the areas of education, the arts, health and human services, civic engagement, animal welfare and the environment. For more information, visit **CFSarasota.org** or call (941) 955-3000.



Forty Carrots CEO, Michelle Kapreilian with Tuttle Elementary principal, Dr. Patti Folino