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UNITED WAY SUNCOAST AWARDS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES GRANT TO FORTY CARROTS FAMILY CENTER

(SARASOTA, FL: August 11, 2020) United Way Suncoast recently awarded a \$22,500 COVID-19 Response and Recovery Grant to Forty Carrots Family Center for child and family mental health services in our community.

"United Way Suncoast, our donors, and volunteers are working hard to serve our community at a time of greatest need. Our region's business community and many generous individuals have contributed to our COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund to ensure that we have the immediate resources to support the most vulnerable in our community. It is our job to raise funds, awareness of need, and mobilize volunteers for the critical services needed during this crisis. United Way Suncoast is proud to partner with Forty Carrots of Sarasota. This funding is immediately being put to work to support children, adolescents, and their families in our community" says Jessica Muroff, CEO United Way Suncoast.

With United Way Suncoast's support, Forty Carrots services were able to continue without interruption despite the challenges posed by the COVID-10 crisis. Forty Carrots programs are designed to reduce the risk of abuse and neglect and promote healthy caregiver / child relationships in our community which have been compounded by the pandemic.

"All children and families need and deserve access to quality mental health services and parenting education and support. Our current unprecedented circumstances have made isolation, social distancing, and financial instability widespread issues. This is putting major stress on children and families, increasing the potential for trauma, child abuse and neglect. Forty Carrots Family Center has 27 years of experience strengthening families, and with grateful thanks to the United Way Suncoast, we are able to offer increased individualized mental health services and parenting support virtually, keeping families safe and strong," said Michelle Kapreilian, Forty Carrots Chief Executive Officer.

ABOUT FORTY CARROTS

Since 1993, Forty Carrots Family Center has served families in Sarasota and Manatee counties, ensuring good beginnings that last a lifetime for children through its expertise in Parenting Education, Mental Health Services, and Early Childhood Education. Rated 4-Stars by Charity Navigator, Forty Carrots services families from all walks of life, with 93 percent of families receiving services free of charge. Visit fortycarrots.org for more information.

ABOUT UNITED WAY SUNCOAST

United Way Suncoast fights for the education and financial stability of every person in the community through educational programs that give children the skills to succeed, helping adults achieve long-term financial stability and activating caring individuals through volunteerism. We are proud to serve the people of DeSoto, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pinellas and Sarasota counties by operating and funding services and programs to help create a stronger, more vibrant community. For more information, visit unitedwaysuncoast.org.

PHOTO ATTACHED

Forty Carrots Family Center Child & Family Therapy Waiting Room

