

## THE PRESCHOOL AT FORTY CARROTS CLASS OF 2019



### CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

On May 22nd, 31 children celebrated their journey at Forty Carrots Family Center coming to a close with a graduation celebration. The family room was transformed into the Dr. Seuss book, "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" and was filled with families and friends of the young graduates. After Flora Oynick greeted the families, the teachers and children came to the stage, sang four songs together and then each individual child, wearing a mortarboard, was individually honored at the front of the room. Some of the children will continue on to Forty Carrots' Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) summer program before heading to kindergarten in the fall.



### MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

#### KUDOS FROM THE COMMUNITY!

Forty Carrots Family Center was recently honored to be selected as a finalist in the Sarasota Chamber of Commerce Frank G. Berlin, Sr., Small Business of the Year Awards, in the nonprofit category.

Following a round of interviews, the winner will be announced at a luncheon on June 14 at the Hyatt-Regency. We were especially honored to be recognized along with two other wonderful nonprofits, Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center (SPARCC), one of Forty Carrots' community partners, and the Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc.

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### WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Forty Carrots Family Center recently elected new members and officers to its 2019-2020 Board of Trustees. The new members include Karimu F. Hill-Harvey, a retired municipal court judge; Kevin Stencik, a senior vice president with PNC; Tammie Sandoval-Badger, a vice president with BMO Private Bank; and Dr. Sean Paul, a specialist in child and adolescent psychiatry.

Exiting the board, with Forty Carrots' heartfelt thanks, are Ashley Kozel, Rob Stroud and Heather Williams.

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### PRESCHOOL

#### THE CANVAS PROJECT



Walking through the Forty Carrots Preschool recently, you might have felt like you were in a local art gallery. Beautifully expressive paintings, and whimsical, colorful mobiles were on display - created by Forty Carrots' talented 2-year-old and 3-year-old students. That's right - 2 and 3 years old.

It was all part of "The Canvas Project," which culminated on April 30 with a class field trip to the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, where the children could celebrate learning through art.

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### PARENTING EDUCATION

#### SOAR IN 4



Soar in 4 is Manatee County's effort to ensure that all 4-year-olds and their families have the support and resources they need for success in preschool and beyond.

Soar in 4 is aligned with the Campaign for Grade Level Reading with the goal of all participants being proficient in reading by the end of the third grade. They have launched an on-the-ground effort to engage parents as their first teachers.

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### MENTAL HEALTH

#### FOSTER CARE INITIATIVE GROUP



"The State of Foster Care" was the topic of discussion at a Foster Care Initiative Group meeting, held at the Manatee Community Foundation, and attended by Forty Carrots' Clinical Director Carla Johanns.

The meeting updated community partners about current challenges within the foster care system. The 12th Judicial District - comprised of Sarasota, Manatee and DeSoto counties - currently exceeds the statewide average when it comes to the number of children who are removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. The 12th District also receives the least amount of funding from the state.

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### HOW YOU CAN HELP

#### SAVING YOUNG LIVES - OUR COMMUNITY'S CHILDREN NEED OUR HELP NOW



This year, Forty Carrots increased our individual therapy sessions by 40 percent - up to more than 1,500 individual sessions - working to meet our community's urgent need. Phone calls come in daily from worried parents and caregivers looking for support dealing with wide-ranging issues impacting their children and families: how to talk to their child about a pending divorce or the death of a parent; what to do when their child is experiencing anxiety, depression or bullying; how to mitigate the trauma of abuse or the toxic stress of poverty. The list goes on and on.

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### CALENDAR

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### UPCOMING EVENTS



SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

**RSVP REQUIRED**

REGISTRATION OPENS AUG. 1

The morning session is presented by



and is held at the Community Foundation of Sarasota County. It is by invitation only for professionals.

The evening session is presented by the



and is being held at the Riverview High School Performing Arts Center.

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THE RITZ-CARLTON, SARASOTA

There is still time to get involved! There are individual tickets still available; we are still adding online auction items; and underwriting options are still available, which provide excellent branding opportunities.

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### SUPPORT FORTY CARROTS



Investing in a young child's future pays dividends for life. Your tax-deductible donation today will have a lasting impact. Thank you!

#### HOW TO DONATE


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# KUDOS

## FROM THE COMMUNITY!

It's a tremendous honor and a tribute to our entire staff, who are dedicated to providing good beginnings that last a lifetime for children and families receiving our early education, parenting education and mental health services.

It was also an honor this year to be selected by SRQ Magazine as Best Children's Nonprofit and Best Charity Event, for Wine, Women & Shoes.

"There's no more important mission," they wrote. "These heroes continue to improve the quality of life for younger generations and always have our kids' best interest in mind." And when it came to partying, Wine, Women & Shoes led the way. "Where else do you spend the day with your favorite girlfriends, sporting amazing shoes, drinking fabulous wine, all while raising half-a-million dollars for an organization that does so much for parenting in the community at-large?"



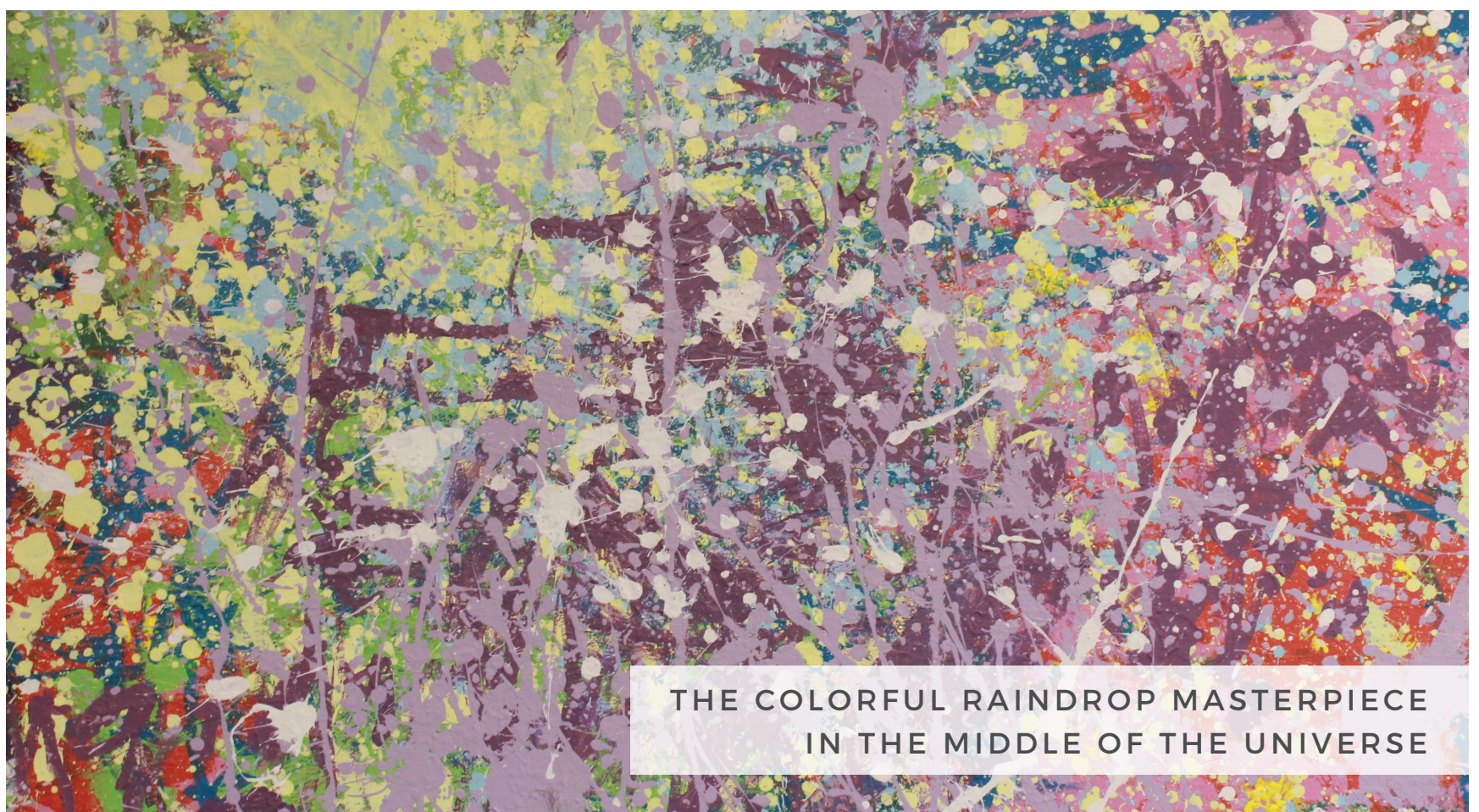


# THE CANVAS PROJECT

According to preschool director Flora Oynick, young children are in a fluid and dynamic stage of development, acquiring and refining multiple skills in a very short period of time. Over the past 20 years, early childhood educators have proven that children learn through observation, imitation, dialogue, debate, conflict and collaboration.

Through “The Canvas Project,” our 2- and 3-year-old students built on their existing knowledge and acquired new academic, social, and emotional knowledge by assembling smaller pieces into a larger whole: they planned, expressed ideas, teamed up with other students, made decisions, and created a final product. The results were beautiful artistic creations - the world as seen through a child’s eyes.

By the time the children took their field trip to the Ringling Museum, where they encountered its exquisite art collection, they could understand and appreciate their own beautiful artwork, making them feel competent and proud of what they had achieved.





## SOAR IN 4

The Forty Carrots Parenting Education Program has just concluded its first year of offering Partners in Play® (PIP) groups as part of the Soar in 4 Initiative, in conjunction with the Manatee County School District.

“Forty Carrots involvement in our summer Soar in 4 program helps families to develop a strong emotional bond that reduces separation anxiety as the child embarks on a new school year,” said Dr. Sheila Halpin, Manatee County Public Schools’ Title I specialist.

Partners in Play® parenting education groups provide opportunities for parents and caregivers to build healthy relationships with children (ages 0-5), while developing their own parenting skills. These free, mobile classrooms are led by professionally trained Forty Carrots parenting educators.

Parenting educators Sonia Azar, Katie Schaeffer, Jennifer Hatcher, and Tesha Clark offered a total of 22 PIP groups at Soar in 4 schools, serving more than 122 families and 370 unduplicated clients, for a total of 592 client service hours.





## FOSTER CARE INITIATIVE GROUP

Current problems include a lack of foster homes, inadequate funding, and the impact of the opioid crisis. There is some good news, however. Last year in the 12th Judicial District, 208 children were adopted, 235 were returned to their parents, and 53 were placed with relatives.

The Foster Care Initiative Group discussed ways in which to meet the needs of families that find themselves involved in the foster care system.





# YOU CAN HELP

## YOUR DONATION CAN SAVE A YOUNG LIFE

Supporting the prevention, early intervention and treatment of mental health issues saves young lives. Give today to support Forty Carrots' mental health work, providing therapy services to children and families who would otherwise have to go without help.

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## BETWEEN 2007 AND 2015,

the number of children ages 5-18 that ended up in the emergency room with suicidal thoughts and attempts jumped from **580,000 to 1.1 million**, with 43 percent of those between 5 and 10 years of age.

- U.S. News and World Report



# WELCOME

## NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Other members of the Board of Trustees include John Annis, Kevin Cooper, Ariane Dart, Liz Diaz, Caroline Ellerson, Tomeika Hunter-Koski, Betsy Kane-Hartnett, Dr. Manav Malik, Nicholas Roberts, Alan Ross, Susan Sakhai, CEO Michelle Kapreilian and trustee emeriti Kim Githler, Stanley Kane and Jeff Steinwachs.



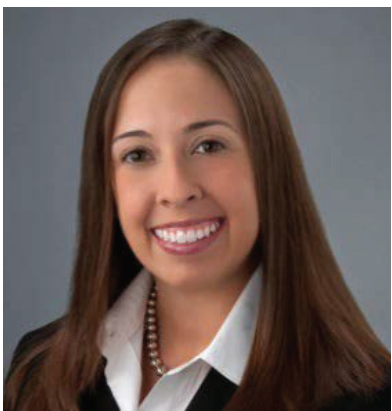
### KARIMU F. HILL-HARVEY

Retired judge Karimu F. Hill-Harvey, born in Orange, New Jersey, became a municipal court judge in 2000 and sat on the bench until her retirement in 2014. Since retirement, she has worked as a civil and family mediator, a parenting coordinator and foreclosure mediator.



### KEVIN STENCIK

Kevin Stencik joined PNC in 2018 as the market leader for West and Central Florida’s commercial banking unit. He has 19 years of banking experience, and has held numerous nonprofit and foundation board and committee seats.



### TAMMIE SANDOVAL-BADGER

Tammie Sandoval-Badger, CTFA, joined BMO Bank in 2010, and has nine years of professional experience, focusing on estate and trust administration. She is currently vice president director of Trust and Estate Services. She is an active member of the Florida Bar.



### DR. SEAN PAUL

Dr. Sean Paul is a California native, who has done medical work in Costa Rica, Nicaragua and El Salvador. Today, he works with several community nonprofit organizations, and works in telepsychiatry, specializing in child and adolescent psychiatry.