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BMO INVESTS IN FORTY CARROTS

(SARASOTA, FL: November 10, 2020) Forty Carrots Family Center, a nonprofit dedicated to strengthening families, recently received a \$26,746 grant from the Partners for Green Places to provide energy efficient funding, creating savings that will result in additional parenting education, mental health, and early childhood education services to the community.

"Forty Carrots is grateful and proud to be a Partner for Green Places. The initiative shows the impact of cross-sector collaboration and partnering to create a stronger community," said Michelle Kapreilian, Forty Carrots CEO. "This grant has provided us the path to become energy efficient, creating savings that will directly support critical mental health, parenting education, and early childhood education services for children and families."

The Partners for Green Places project provides funding to non-profit partners and businesses in Sarasota County to help reduce organizations' carbon footprint and become more sustainable.

"Not only does the Partners for Green Places project help the environment but it also allows the organizations to save significant amounts of money on their utility bills so they can put those savings back into programming that will help families and future generations in our community. They can also serve as an example of how other organizations and businesses can upgrade their buildings to be more energy and water efficient," says Sara Kane, Sarasota County's sustainability program supervisor.

ABOUT FORTY CARROTS

Since 1993, Forty Carrots 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 fundraises to provide these services to families from all walks of life, with 95% of families receiving free services. To learn more: **fortycarrots.org**



ABOUT THE PARTNERS FOR GREEN PLACES

The goal of the Partners for Green Places program is to use energy assessments coupled with energy and water efficiency projects to reduce operational costs for human services and environmental nonprofits while achieving community sustainability goals. The savings experienced by the nonprofits from implementing the energy and water upgrades can then be used to further the important missions of these organizations. For more information **scgov.net/government/uf-ifas-extension-and-sustainability/partners-for-green-places**

PHOTO ATTACHED

Forty Carrots Family Center van and building

