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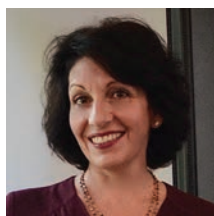
## NOTE FROM THE CEO

In 1983, President Reagan proclaimed April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month, part of which reads: "Prevention of abuse requires that neighborhoods and communities be attentive to the problems of families in their midst and be willing to help when help is needed. It requires the active concern of educational, medical, mental health, law enforcement, and social service professionals, and the efforts of volunteers and private citizens. The health and well-being of our children underlie the future of our nation."

While April has passed, this is still true today and every day at Forty Carrots. Our purpose for being is to prevent childhood traumas and abuse and focusing on building healthy connections and relationships between children and the adults who care for them. This is the one way that is proven over and over again to mitigate negative experiences and prevent abuse and neglect.

Over the last year, the pandemic, with its heightened stress, school closures, loss of income, and social isolation, has resulted in growing cases of abuse and neglect. Forty Carrots continues our work alongside our community partners, knowing that it takes all of us together to prevent abuse.

Join us today and every day of the year, as we put precious young lives first to ensure their safe and secure futures.



Warmest regards,



Michelle Kapreilian  
CEO - Forty Carrots Family Center

## EVENTS



SAVE **THE DATE!**  
**SEPTEMBER 22, 2021**



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**NOVEMBER 18-20, 2021**

## CALENDAR

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## AGENCY

### FLANZER TRUST MATCHING PROGRAM EXTENDED THROUGH 2021

Forty Carrots Family Center is proud to have the support of the Louis and Gloria Flanzer Philanthropic Trust and their extended Contribution Matching Program through Dec. 31, 2021.



"We are thrilled that the matching program has been so successfully embraced by the community," said Eric Kaplan, co-trustee of the Flanzer Trust and Forty Carrots Family Center board member.

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### THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD



Don't miss our new building mural! Forty Carrots is the grateful beneficiary of this amazing gift of art, which showcases the importance of early childhood development, and was made possible by First 1,000 Days of Sarasota and the Charles & Margery Barancik Foundation.

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## PARENTING EDUCATION

### PARENTING EDUCATION AT THE SARASOTA COUNTY JAIL

What happens when mom or dad is behind bars?

More than 312,000 children in Florida have an incarcerated parent. This is a childhood trauma that can lead to a lifetime of challenges including high rates of psychological problems, future homelessness, and ending up within the criminal justice system themselves.



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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!

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# FLANZER TRUST MATCHING PROGRAM

## EXTENDED THROUGH 2021

This matching opportunity means more time to double the impact of any donation made to Forty Carrots, which will have a significant impact on the lives of children and families enduring life-changing hardships.

“These matching funds are critical to our programming during this difficult time,” said Forty Carrots CEO Michelle Kapreilian. “We are so grateful to our donors and to the Flanzer Philanthropic Trust for providing this invaluable support to struggling families.”

To donate to Forty Carrots Family Center via the Flanzer Trust, visit [flanzertrust.org/make-a-donation/](https://flanzertrust.org/make-a-donation/) to make an annual or monthly online donation. Be sure to designate Forty Carrots Family Center as the recipient.

# PRESCHOOL

## THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD

The whimsical mural – which shows the beauty of the world as seen through a child’s eyes – reminds us of the importance of Forty Carrots’ work in the community as a lifeline to those children and families most in need. SNN recently featured the First 1,000 Days “Coloring the Community” initiative to spread awareness and participation.

The First 1,000 Days of Sarasota initiative is a collaborative community effort that strives to provide better access to prenatal, newborn, and early childhood development care, giving babies and families an opportunity to thrive. Forty Carrots has played an integral role in the formation and implementation of this important initiative since its inception.

Artist Truman Adams, a graduate of Ringling College of Art + Design and a freelance artist based in Towles Court, recently used our plain yellow wall as his canvas, filling it with a child blowing swirling, colorful bubbles into the air.

“I want everyone who sees it to be inspired by it,” said Adams in a recent interview in The Observer. “I want to evoke feelings of awe and wonder, happiness and joy, to appeal to the child in all of us. I’m 42 now, but when I see a bubble, it’s like I’m 2 again.”

## PARENTING EDUCATION AT THE SARASOTA COUNTY JAIL

Forty Carrots' Circle of Security®-Parenting™ 8-week program in the Sarasota County jail provides incarcerated parents the tools they need to strengthen their relationships with children, and ultimately breaking the cycle of poverty, abuse, and addiction with their children. Working on their relationships while in prison helps keep families connected and improves a parent's ability to respond to their child's needs while gaining confidence in their role as a parent.

"I truly think the programs we're doing in the jail and the social work we're engaged in will have a bigger impact on quality of life in Sarasota County than even the traditional law enforcement patrol," said Sarasota County Sheriff Kurt Hoffman.

As one participant wrote, "As a result of this class I am talking about things. I am thinking about life and how to deal with its lessons and opening up about dealing with my kids."