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CHILDREN AND FAMILIES STRENGTHENED THROUGH \$50,000 GIFT

(SARASOTA, FL: August 10, 2022) Forty Carrots Family Center is the grateful recipient of a \$50,000 donation from William Brown and Stephanie Filippi-Brown to support mental health services for struggling children and families through Forty Carrots' Mental Health Program.

"I was introduced to Forty Carrots' mission several years ago through a fundraising event and quickly became involved to help support their critical work. Once the pandemic hit, Bill and I knew that increasing our gift to Forty Carrots' mental health services would be the best investment to help them meet the dramatic need. Forty Carrots' commitment to reaching children and families at risk is aligned with our passion of making a difference in the Sarasota community.", says Stephanie Filippi-Brown.

With this generous support, Forty Carrots is able to prioritize the increasing demand for high-quality mental health services in our community. The need has skyrocketed since the pandemic and is essential to create strong foundations for children. With one in five children experiencing mental health issues, access to mental health services is crucial for healthy, strong child and family development.

"The best way to support mental wellness for children and families is to ensure that services are available to all, regardless of their ability to pay. This gift is truly lifesaving in its ability to expand Forty Carrots' reach in our community. Without the Brown's support, children would go without the necessary intervention and treatment." said Michelle Kapreilian, Forty Carrots' CEO.

ABOUT FORTY CARROTS

Since 1993, **Forty Carrots Family Center** has served families in Sarasota & 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 serves families from all walks of life, with 94 percent of families receiving services free of charge. Visit [fortycarrots.org](https://www.fortycarrots.org) for more information.