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Forty Carrots Family Center holds Ribbon Cutting Event for New Parenting Education and Mental Health Center

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On Thursday, March 7th Forty Carrots Family Center celebrated a major milestone in their Generations of Change Expansion Campaign. A private ribbon cutting event for campaign donors was held at their new Parenting Education and Mental Health Center located at 1350 Cattlemen Road in Sarasota.

The organization is expanding their Parenting Education and Mental Health services due to the overwhelming community need. Forty Carrots' unique approach to outreach partnerships allows them to serve all families, regardless of ability to pay. Currently, 94% of clients receive services at no charge or on a sliding scale based only on financial need. The Generations of Change expansion, including the new Cattlemen Road facility, will allow for a 100% increase in Mental Health and 30% in Parenting Education services over the next several years.

"We are grateful beyond words for the investment and trust of our campaign donors. Forty Carrots' commitment to providing our community's children and families with high quality and accessible prevention, intervention, and treatment services, is only possible because of the generosity of our donors. They are committed to investing in the future, breaking generational cycles of abuse and neglect, and giving the next generation of children the good beginnings that they deserve," said Michelle Kapreilian, Forty Carrots CEO.

The new Generations of Change building provides 6900 sq. ft. offering a Child and Family Therapy Center with 6 therapy rooms, intake office, waiting area and Parenting Education Center equipped with flexible capacity with removable wall and observation capabilities, virtual program rooms, administrative offices, and program staff workspaces. The addition of the Cattlemen campus allows for the expansion of early education services and administrative offices in the existing buildings on S. Tuttle Avenue.

A public community open house will be held September 19th to celebrate the new building and expansion of services.

To learn more about the Generations of Change Campaign or how to donate, visit www.fortycarrots.org.

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 www.fortycarrots.org for more information.



Forty Carrots Family Center CEO, Michelle Kapreilian, cuts ribbon with Visionary Circle Donors pictured from left to right:

Teri A. Hansen, Charles & Margery Barancik Foundation; Jeff Steinwachs, Steinwachs Family Foundation; Eric Kaplan, Louis & Gloria Flanzer Philanthropic Trust; Mitchell & Dawn Epstein; Susan Travers (Board Chair) & Jim Travers