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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE FORTY CARROTS FAMILY CENTER ELECTS NEW TRUSTEES

(Sarasota – June 2024) Forty Carrots Family Center welcomes new Board of Trustee member Hal Johnson, Ph.D., retired licensed staff Psychologist, Business Consultant and Leadership Development. Hal will serve a three-year term supporting Forty Carrots' mission of nurturing healthy child and family development and preventing child abuse, neglect, and other childhood traumas.

Officers include Board Chair Ben Jones, Managing Director at Mariner Wealth Advisors, Treasurer Valerie Dall'Acqua, Global Real Estate Advisor Premier Sotheby's International Realty, and Secretary Dawn Doughty, nonprofit fundraiser, volunteer, and Wine, Women and Shoes event wine advisor.

"It has been my honor to serve as Forty Carrots' board chair for the past three years and I look forward serving under the expert leadership of new Chair, Ben Jones. We are delighted to welcome Hal Johnson to our board, working together to ensure the best outcomes for children and families in our community. Our new fiscal year will be transformational with our new Parenting Education and Mental Health center open to serve even more families in need. As we continue to raise funds for our Generations of Change expansion campaign, we are more determined than ever to increase access to the services and support families need to thrive. "said Susan Travers outgoing Board Chair.

Remaining board of trustee members: Kevin Cooper, Jag Grewal, Jackie Griese, Karimu Hill-Harvey, Chris Jarmul, Eric Kaplan, Bob Lewandowski, Alan Ross, Tammie Sandoval- Badger, Joleen Searles, Susan Sakhai, Kevin Stencik, Susan Travers, CEO Michelle Kapreilian (ex-officio) and trustee emeriti Kim Githler, and Jeff Steinwachs.

## 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 95 percent of families receiving services free of charge.

Photos attached:



Ben Jones Incoming Board Chair



Susan Travers
Outgoing Board Chair



Hal Johnson Ph. D. New Board of Trustee Member