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The importance of unrestricted funding and its impact

(Sarasota – June 12, 2025) – Since 2021, Forty Carrots Family Center increased the number of clients served by 65%, expanding its mission of high-quality parenting education, mental health, and early childhood education services for all families regardless of their ability to pay.

Program growth of this magnitude comes with large capital and staff expenses and requires flexibility in funding. Charles & Margery Barancik Foundation stepped in to support this growth and to enhance sustainability with a transformative capacity building grant.

“We are deeply grateful for Barancik Foundation. They consistently treat us as trusted, professional partners—listening, learning, and collaborating in meaningful ways. Barancik Foundation staff take the time to understand our needs and goals, engage in strategy, and make valuable connections. Their investment in making our community a better place for children and families is unmatched,” said Michelle Kapreilian, Forty Carrots CEO.

Securing unrestricted funding allowed Forty Carrots to hire and train new staff, form new partnerships, and stabilize recent program and infrastructure expansions. Moreover, the grant enabled Forty Carrots to respond quickly and strategically to emerging opportunities. One example is the agency’s new partnership with the DeSoto County Library. This collaboration will offer parenting groups for families in an underserved community, where such resources were previously unavailable. The flexible funding allowed Forty Carrots to move forward swiftly when the need and opportunity arose.

“With flexible funding, strong nonprofits can do what they do best—serve their communities in new and meaningful ways,” said Teri A Hansen, President|CEO of Barancik Foundation. “We trust Forty Carrots Family Center to maximize the opportunity of an unrestricted investment, and we know that families in our community will be so much better for it.”

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About Forty Carrots Family Center

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 96 percent of families receiving services free of charge. Visit www.fortycarrots.org for more information.

About Charles & Margery Barancik Foundation

The Charles and Margery Barancik family has long believed in the power of philanthropy to shape our

world and enrich the lives of all people. It was the expression of this belief that led them in 2014 to establish Charles & Margery Barancik Foundation—a private, family foundation located in Sarasota, Florida. Barancik Foundation creates initiatives and awards grants in Sarasota and beyond in the areas of education, humanitarian causes, arts and culture, the environment, and medical research. For more information, visit www.barancikfoundation.org.

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