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A win for youth mental health prevention and early intervention investment in Manatee County

(Sarasota – July, 21 2025) – With 50% of all mental illness beginning by age 14, Forty Carrots Family Center’s Mental Health Program provides critical therapy services and support to youth experiencing mental health challenges. Bishop-Parker Foundation recently awarded Forty Carrots a \$75,000 grant to address the rising mental health needs of children and families in Manatee County.

“Forty Carrots’ Mental Health Program treats children and families of all ages—toddlers, elementary students, teens, and beyond! We’re grateful to Bishop-Parker Foundation for its investment in our Manatee County partnerships. Reaching children and their caretakers early, when they first start demonstrating symptoms, is essential for the long-term stability of the Manatee County community,” said Michelle Kapreilian, Forty Carrots CEO.

“At Bishop-Parker Foundation, we honor the vision of our founders, Edward and Lillian Bishop and Mary Parker, by supporting initiatives that make a lasting impact on the community. Forty Carrots’ Mental Health Program provides crucial early intervention for children and families, helping to build a stronger, more resilient Manatee County. This investment in mental health is an essential step toward a healthier future for all,” said Wendy Deming, Bishop-Parker Foundation CEO

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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 Bishop-Parker Foundation

Bishop-Parker Foundation strengthens the Manatee County Community by providing financial support to nonprofit organizations working to improve the lives of individuals and animals. For additional information, please contact Wendy Deming at wendy@bishopparkerfoundation.org.

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