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SUNCOAST CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION PROVIDES \$5,000 TO FORTY CARROTS FAMILY CENTER

(Sarasota, FL) - Forty Carrots Family Center (FCFC) announces a charitable gift of \$5,000 from the Suncoast Credit Union Foundation. The funds support early learning and parenting education groups to children and families through FCFC's Partners In Play® (PIP) program at South Sarasota County libraries this year. PIP strengthens early learning and family resilience while fostering connection and community among caregivers. Through guided play and shared experiences, caregivers gain knowledge, confidence and tools to become their child's first and most important teacher- laying a strong foundation for their child's lifelong love of learning and school readiness.

"Having a donor like Suncoast Credit Union Foundation who prioritizes the importance of learning in early childhood is one of the best investments in our community," said Michelle Kapreilian, Forty Carrots CEO. "For most children who attend PIP, it is their only learning environment before heading to kindergarten, making PIP a vital support system for children in our community to reach their fullest potential."

Suncoast Credit Union, Florida's largest credit union, founded the Suncoast Credit Union Foundation to promote the education, health and emotional well-being of children in the community. Each time a Suncoast member uses their debit or credit card, the credit union donates four cents to the Foundation to fund local initiatives. Since its inception in 1990, the Foundation has raised and donated over \$61 million.

"We're honored to contribute to Forty Carrots Family Center and their Partners In Play® Program," said Jeff Kunberger, Executive Director of Foundations at Suncoast. "Providing support to early learning and parenting education groups to assist children and families is a benefit to the community, and we take great pride in lending a helping hand."

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About Forty Carrots Family Center

Since 1993, Forty Carrots Family Center has nurtured healthy child and family development through research based, relationship centered, education and mental health services. Ensuring

good beginnings that last a lifetime for children and families in Sarasota and Manatee Counties through 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 <https://fortycarrots.org/> for more information.

About Suncoast Credit Union

Suncoast Credit Union is the largest credit union in the state of Florida, the 8th largest in the United States based on membership, and the 10th largest in the United States based on its \$20.7 billion in assets. Chartered in 1934 as Hillsborough County Teachers Credit Union, Suncoast Credit Union currently operates 79 full-service branches and serves more than 1.3 million members across Florida. As a community credit union, anyone who lives, works, attends school, or worships in Suncoast Credit Union's service area is eligible for membership. In 2021, Suncoast Credit Union's field of membership was expanded to include public K-12 teachers, college educators, and educational support staff from all of Florida's 67 counties. Suncoast is passionate about community support. Since its founding in 1990, the Suncoast Credit Union Foundation has raised and donated more than \$61 million to organizations and initiatives that support the health, education, and emotional well-being of children in the communities that the credit union serves. For more information, visit suncoast.com or follow us on social media: [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).