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FORTY CARROTS FAMILY CENTER NAMED SARASOTA-MANATEE TOP WORKPLACES AND 2026 INDUSTRY AWARD WINNER

Sarasota, Florida, August 20, 2026 – For a fourth year in a row, Forty Carrots Family Center was awarded the Top Workplaces 2026 honor by The Sarasota-Manatee Top Workplaces. The list is based solely on employee feedback gathered through a third-party survey administered by employee engagement technology partner Energage LLC. The confidential survey uniquely measures 25 factors that are critical to the success of any organization. Only 32 businesses were identified as a Sarasota/Manatee Top Workplaces. This year marked the first time Forty Carrots was honored with an Industry Award, meaning the agency ranked among top nonprofits nationwide.

Winners were honored at a celebration event on August 12th at The Ora in Sarasota. The event was hosted in collaboration with Energage, Local IQ, and the Sarasota Herald Tribune. Forty Carrots was awarded the “Doers” Specialty Award, which recognizes companies that operate efficiently and well.

“Earning a Top Workplaces award is a badge of honor for companies, especially because it comes authentically from their employees,” said Eric Rubino, Energage CEO. “That’s something to be proud of. In today’s market, leaders must ensure they’re allowing employees to have a voice and be heard. That’s paramount. Top Workplaces do this, and it pays dividends.”

“Forty Carrots is special for many reasons, but at the heart of our organization, are the people who bring our mission to life every day. Our staff lead with unwavering dedication, compassion, and purpose, creating a culture of support for one another and for the children and families we serve throughout our community.” said Michelle Kapreilian, CEO

Forty Carrots is committed to strengthening families in our community and envisions a future where all children are raised in homes where they have an emotionally and physically safe childhood that is filled with nurturing relationships and positive learning experiences. Through parenting education programs, mental health services, and early childhood education, Forty Carrots provides families with the tools, resources, and support they need to create environments in which all children can thrive.

About Forty Carrots

Since 1993, **Forty Carrots Family Center** has served families in Sarasota, Manatee, and DeSoto 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.



Pictured: Michelle Kapreilian (CEO) accepts Forty Carrots Family Center's specialty award at the Top Workplaces Event in Sarasota.



Pictured Left to Right: Caroline Starnes, (Communications & Grants Manager), Michelle Kapreilian (CEO), Molly Bowbeer (Preschool Director), Carla Johanns (CPO), Diana Dusenbury (Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Certified

Case Manager), Laura Josephson (Parenting Education Director), Kaitlyn Phillips (Grants Administrator), Matthew Rogers (Human Resources Manager).