



NOTE FROM CEO

Dear Friends,

Forty Carrots Family Center 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 leads 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. It is with great pleasure that for the fourth year in a row Forty Carrots Family Center was awarded a Sarasota – Manatee Top Workplaces distinction, and for the first time Forty Carrots was honored with an Industry Award, meaning the agency ranked among top nonprofits nationwide.



Pictured Left to Right: Caroline Starnes, (Communications & Grants Manager), Michelle Kapreilian (CEO), Molly Bowbeer (Preschool Director), Carla Johannis (CPO), Diana Dusenbury (Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Certified Case Manager), Laura Josephson (Parenting Education Director), Kaitlyn Phillips (Grants Administrator), Matthew Rogers (Human Resources Manager).

This recognition is especially meaningful as it's based on staff feedback, gathered through an anonymous survey, conducted by Energage and the Sarasota Herald Tribune.



With Gratitude,

Michelle Kapreilian

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CEO, Forty Carrots Family Center

PRESCHOOL

The Preschool is back for the 2026-2027 school year!

Children and families arrived with bright smiles and backpacks to kick off the new school year. During the first weeks, we were honored to host Felicia Donson, founder of Mom's Book Nook, as she reached a milestone of giving out 10,000 books this year! Forty Carrots is just one of many partners that Mom's Book Nook donates books to promote early literacy. We are so grateful Ms. Felicia decided to celebrate by reading stories with our students.



CHILD + FAMILY THERAPY

In an effort to address the shortage of mental health care professionals in our community and support the next generation of mental health and early education experts, Forty Carrots' Mental Health Intern Program continues to broaden. Over the summer, the Mental Health Department facilitated a Listen and Learn visit with four bachelor's level students enrolled in the InternConnect Program offered through the Sarasota Chamber of Commerce. Sharing insights from our work and offering encouragement related to the academic and licensure process is an integral part of supporting the training of young professionals interested in mental health work. This program, beyond its initial pilot phase, has grown to be a crucial part of our ability to meet the ever-growing mental health needs of children and families.

PARENTING EDUCATION

Parenting Education's in-house programming continues to thrive at our beautiful Cattlemen campus. Over the summer we hosted 186 children and families through Partners In Play® and Partners In Movement. These play-based programs, centered around themes such as Little Scientists or upcoming Under the Sea, foster meaningful connections while providing healthy child development and caregiver learning.



ANNUAL EVENT



PRESENTED BY MARLOW MED AESTHETICS



Back for its 20th dazzling year, Wine Women & Shoes presented by Marlow Med Aesthetics returns to the Ritz- Carlton, Sarasota on Friday, November 13, 2026.

Tickets are available now and limited table sponsorships remain. To purchase, visit WWSSRQ.COM and for additional information contact events@fortycarrots.com

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CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2026

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