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Lakewood Ranch Community Foundation helps families build good beginnings with a $10,000 investment in early learning and parenting education program.

(Sarasota – November 2, 2026) – With continued support from the Lakewood Ranch Community Foundation, Forty Carrots' Partners In Play® (PIP) program is entering its third year at Lakewood Ranch Library. Serving 399 unduplicated children and families last year, PIP at Lakewood Ranch Library continues to provide a welcoming and supportive environment where play leads the way to empowering parents to nurture their children's early learning while also strengthening parent-child relationships.

"Lakewood Ranch Community Foundation's support of PIP is vital to uplifting families in our community by ensuring children are able to access foundational early learning and that parents are able to parent effectively, even under stress- a known factor in preventing childhood abuse and neglect." said Michelle Kapreilian, CEO of Forty Carrots Family Center.

PIP groups at Lakewood Ranch Library are ongoing on Fridays beginning at 12:30pm, welcoming any parent, grandparent, or caregiver with a child aged from babies to five years old.

About Forty Carrots Family Center
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 at no or low cost. Visit www.fortycarrots.org for more information.

About Lakewood Ranch Community Foundation
The Lakewood Ranch Community Foundation, established in 2000, was founded on the principle that a true community needs a "soul" – a way to support residents, foster culture, and address emerging needs in Lakewood Ranch and the surrounding eastern areas of Sarasota and Manatee counties.

Recognizing that some community needs might be overlooked amidst rapid growth, the Foundation serves as a vehicle for residents and businesses to invest in ensuring these needs are met, even those not immediately obvious. Its sole focus is on enhancing the lives of people within the Lakewood Ranch area through local giving. Visit www.lwrcf.org for more information.

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Families participating in Forty Carrots Family Center's Partners In Play® at Lakewood Ranch Library