

Forty Carrots gets nearly \$200K for Child & Family Therapy program

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Forty Carrots Family Center, a local nonprofit dedicated to strengthening families, will expand its child & and family therapy services with the help of a generous three-year grant from the Charles & Margery Barancik Foundation.

The grant of \$196,200 will support the growing program, including the addition of a new clinical supervisor to ensure that families have access to the best quality of care. Child & Family Therapy services grew 61 percent in the last year.

"For some of the families we serve, child and family therapy is an essential part of building a strong foundation that allows children and parents to thrive," said Executive Director Michelle Kapreilian. "The Barancik Foundation is a tremendous partner in helping us meet the remarkable need and to make a difference in young lives."

Forty Carrots Family Center began offering mental health services to address unmet needs encountered in its Free Community Outreach Program.

In addition to mental health groups provided at locations like SPARCC and Salvation Army, Forty Carrots provides child and family therapy individual services.

Forty Carrots recently completed a capital campaign adding a reception area, two new therapy rooms and office space for therapists and an intake coordinator.

Forty Carrots Family Center strives to provide children with a good beginning that lasts a lifetime through its parenting program, mental health services, and preschool. Its community outreach program provides more than 1,000 free parenting education and mental health classes in Sarasota/Manatee counties annually.

- Submitted by Tonya Gowan

Students inducted into Phi Theta Kappa honor society at SCF Venice

State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota congratulates 14 students who have been inducted into the SCF Venice Alpha Mu Upsilon chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society of two-year colleges.

Eligible students must have completed 12 hours of coursework toward an associate's degree and have a grade point average of at least 3.5.

The following students were inducted: Alexandra Backus, Beatriz Paniego BÃ©jar, Elizabeth Capell, Lillian Costa, Clarissa Cumbo, Samantha DeLaho, Heather Grindstaff, Nancy Krajcik, Nicole Lenard, Mary Lopez, James Mathern, Maria Quezada, Beth Taylor and Melanie Turner.

During the induction, five Alpha Mu Upsilon officers were named: Anne Miller, vice president of scholarship; Nicole Lenard, vice president of communications/historian; Melanie Turner, vice president of public relations/ICC representative; Clarissa Cumbo, vice president of service; and Samantha DeLaho, vice president of finance.

Phi Theta Kappa's mission is to recognize and encourage academic achievement and to provide opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service and fellowship programming. For information on the honor society, visit ptk.org.

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