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Publix Grants \$30,000 to Grace Place through the Food For All® Fundraiser

Naples, FL – March 29, 2018 – Grace Place for Children and Families was recently awarded \$30,000 from Publix Super Markets' Food For All® 2017 fundraiser.

The annual Food For All® campaign raises funds to support agencies that fight hunger and advocate for self-sufficiency on a local and regional level. Funds received by Grace Place for Children and Families will support its Friday Food Pantry, which serves more than 220 families each week and distributes 350,000 pounds of food each year to Collier County residents.

"Traditionally, we see increased traffic at the pantry during the 'off-season' summer months. This is due to the fact that many of the families we serve are employed by the service industry, which greatly decreases work hours in the summer. These same families have just begun to recover from losing wages during and after Hurricane Irma, so the pantry will be even more crucial to them this summer," comments Barbara Evans, Chief Development Officer at Grace Place. "This funding will help us secure enough food to meet this high demand."

Grace Place Friday Food Pantry is open Fridays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and is located on the Grace Place Campus at 4300 21st Ave. SW, Naples, FL 34116. Visit www.graceplacenaples.org for more information.

About Grace Place for Children and Families

Grace Place for Children and Families is a nonprofit education center committed to putting faith into action, providing pathways out of poverty by educating children and families. Working with entire families, Grace Place currently enrolls over 900 individuals in its three education programs. Our nationally recognized Bright Beginnings family literacy program serves preschool children and their parents. School Age programs provide afterschool and college access programming to youth. Grace Place's Adult Education program offers English language, literacy, computer literacy, and citizenship courses. Helping families throughout Collier County combat food insecurity, the Friday Food Pantry at Grace Place serves over 220 families each week. Grace Place works extensively with community partners to provide medical and mental health screenings, referrals for other services, and financial literacy classes to the Golden Gate community. Grace Place offers many volunteer opportunities in its literacy programs, mentoring, adult education and other areas. Visit www.graceplacenaples.org to learn more.

About Publix

Publix is privately owned and operated by its more than 192,000 employees, with 2017 sales of \$34.6 billion. Currently, Publix has 1,176 stores in Florida, Georgia, Alabama,

Tennessee, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia. The company has been named one of Fortune's 100 Best Companies to Work For in America for twenty one consecutive years. In addition, Publix's dedication to superior quality and customer service is recognized among the top in the grocery business. For more information, visit the company's website, corporate.publix.com.

About Food For All® and Making Change®

Food For All® is a program of Making Change®, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that partners with thousands of grocery retailers nationwide to run point-of-purchase fundraisers. Since 1985, the organization has successfully raised more than \$105 million to fund nonprofit organizations in the United States and around the world. For more information, visit www.makingchange.org.

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