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Grace Place for Children and Families announces new Board Member Cesar Taveras

Naples, FL – March 30, 2021 – Grace Place for Children and Families announces the appointment of Senior Banker at Fifth Third Bank, Cesar Taveras, to the Grace Place Board of Directors.

"We're excited to expand our board with Cesar, who will bring diverse expertise and insight to our work," said Jim Bosscher, Grace Place Board Chair. "We have worked diligently to ensure Grace Place's board and leadership represents a variety of experts, and I'm confident Cesar will be a great asset to the Board as we continue to strengthen the community we serve."

Taveras is a seasoned Wealth Management Banker with more than 16 years of wealth management and financial planning experience. Prior to joining Fifth Third Bank, Taveras worked for Merrill Lynch from 2009 to 2015 and Bank of America from 2004 to 2009. In this time, his dedication and expertise earned him three promotions and multiple Awards of Excellence. Taveras has served on the Services and Allocations Committee for the United Way of Collier County and The Keys and is a long-time Grace Place volunteer. Taveras has served at Calvary Chapel Naples since 2015 and was ordained as an Elder in 2019.

"Cesar's contributions to Grace Place as a volunteer and advocate have been significant and meaningful," said Lära Fisher, Grace Place CEO. "He embodies the spirit of Grace Place, and we are delighted to welcome such a strong leader to our Grace Place Board."

ABOUT GRACE PLACE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:

Grace Place for Children and Families is a nonprofit family literacy center committed to providing pathways out of poverty by educating children and families. Grace Place enrolls over 1000 individuals in its education programs each year. Its nationally recognized Bright Beginnings program, a Grace Place Family Literacy Model®, serves preschool children and their parents. Grace Place School Age Programs, funded by the Florida Department of Education, provides afterschool, summer, and college access programming to K-12 youth. The Adult Education program at Grace Place offers English language, literacy, computer literacy, and citizenship courses. Helping families throughout Collier County combat food insecurity, the Food Pantry at Grace Place serves over 300 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.