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## Grace Place for Children and Families Receives Grant from Bank of America Charitable Foundation for High School Program

Naples, Fla. (May 8, 2024) - Grace Place for Children and Families is pleased to announce it has received a grant from Bank of America Charitable Foundation to support its High School program, Leaders Empowered to Achieve Dreams (LEAD) in the amount of \$10,000. The LEAD program offers academic support, life skills, college readiness, and work-based learning to ensure a smooth transition into adulthood for high school students in Golden Gate.

"This generous support will allow us to continue helping students overcome language and literacy barriers as well as economic disadvantages, enabling them to confidently navigate their paths after high school", said Grace Place's CEO Lara Fisher. "With the backing of Bank of America Charitable Foundation, Grace Place can make an even greater impact in the lives of these aspiring young leaders."

Bank of America has worked with nonprofit partners, local organizations, business and civic leaders and others across Southwest Florida for years to help drive Responsible Growth.

## About Grace Place

Grace Place for Children and Families, celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> year, is a nonprofit family literacy center committed to providing pathways out of poverty by educating children and families. Grace Place enrolls over 1200 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. Additionally, the Food Pantry at Grace Place serves over 300 families each week. Collaborating with community partners, we offer medical and mental health screenings, referrals, and financial literacy classes in Golden Gate. Explore volunteer opportunities in literacy, mentoring, adult education, and more at www.graceplacenaples.org.