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Grace Place Celebrates a Successful 3rd Annual Back to School Bash

Naples, FL – [July 23, 2024] – Grace Place for Children and Families recently hosted its highly anticipated Back to School Bash, drawing a crowd of over 1,250 community members on Saturday, July 20, 2024. Running from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, the annual event took place on the Grace Place campus and aimed to equip students in Golden Gate City with everything they needed for a successful school year.

The event saw Grace Place distribute 800 backpacks filled with essential school supplies, all generously donated by local businesses, churches, and community groups. This outpouring of support ensured that local students were well-prepared for the upcoming school year. Attendees enjoyed a range of fun activities throughout the morning, including a delicious pancake breakfast provided by Boy Scout Troop 951.

Festivities included face painting, book giveaways, and a variety of games. Community engagement was a highlight, with partners such as Bikers Against Child Abuse, Collier County Public Library, the Conservancy of SWFL, and the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District participating in the celebrations. The event also focused on health and wellness, with the Healthcare Network offering health screenings for adults, the Naples Lions Club providing vision screenings for children, and the Collier County Department of Health administering back-to-school vaccines.

Additionally, Grace Place staff were on hand to register families for the organization's free educational programs designed for all age groups from birth to adulthood.

"Lära Fisher, CEO of Grace Place, expressed her excitement about the event's success: 'Starting the school year with essential tools like pencils, notebooks, and binders enables our students to thrive both academically and socially. Students who feel prepared will gain confidence and self-esteem and will be able to put their best foot forward, knowing that someone cares about their academic success.'"

For more details about Grace Place's programs and future events, visit www.graceplacenaples.org or contact (239) 255-7220.

ABOUT GRACE PLACE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Grace Place for Children and Families, celebrating its 20th year, is a nonprofit family literacy center committed to providing pathways out of poverty by educating children and families. Grace Place enrolls over 1,200 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

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