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**Grace Place for Children and Families Awarded \$30,000 Grant from Moorings  
Park Foundation**

Naples, FL – August 15, 2024 – Grace Place for Children and Families is thrilled to announce the receipt of a generous \$30,000 grant from the Moorings Park Foundation to support its high school afterschool program, Leaders Empowered to Achieve Dreams (LEAD). This significant funding will play a crucial role in enhancing the program's ability to offer personalized and impactful support to Golden Gate high school students.

The LEAD program is designed to address the unique challenges faced by high school students in the Golden Gate community, providing them with tailored support to achieve on-time graduation, create practical post-secondary plans, and transition smoothly into adulthood. The program employs a cohort-based approach, ensuring that students receive individualized attention and build strong peer relationships that foster both academic and personal growth.

"We are incredibly grateful for this generous grant, which will allow us to expand and enhance the LEAD program," said Lara Fisher, Chief Executive Officer of Grace Place for Children and Families. "This funding will directly benefit our students by providing them with additional resources and support to reach their full potential and contribute to their community. Our commitment is to ensure every student has the opportunity to succeed, and this grant is a significant step towards achieving that goal."

The grant will be utilized to fund essential program components including academic tutoring, English language support, career counseling, mentorship opportunities, SAT/ACT preparation, college visits, and more. These elements are designed to address the diverse needs of students and prepare them for future success in both their educational and professional endeavors.

**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, offering the nationally recognized early learning initiative Bright Beginnings (nursery to 4 years old), which involves a parent in the early learning needed to be kindergarten ready, and comprehensive School Age Programs (grades K-12) funded by the Florida Department of Education. The organization also provides Adult Education courses and operates a Food Pantry serving hundreds of families weekly. For more information about Grace Place for Children and Families and to explore volunteer opportunities, visit [www.graceplacenaples.org](http://www.graceplacenaples.org).