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Grace Place Receives \$15,000 Grant from Christ Child Society of Naples to Support Bright Beginnings Program

Naples, FL – October 25, 2024 – Grace Place for Children and Families is excited to announce a generous \$15,000 grant from the Christ Child Society of Naples. This contribution will support the Bright Beginnings program, which provides vital early childhood education to young learners while equipping their parents with the tools to foster their children's development.

Bright Beginnings is designed to ensure that children in the Golden Gate community are ready for kindergarten by focusing on early literacy, language, and social-emotional skills. The program also offers parents the opportunity to learn English and develop essential child development skills, empowering them to support their children's educational journeys both at home and in the classroom.

"We are so grateful to the Christ Child Society of Naples for their incredible support," said Diane Ponton, Director of Early Childhood Education at Grace Place. "This gift helps us not only provide quality education to our youngest learners but also ensures that their parents gain the skills and knowledge they need to actively contribute to their children's success."

The \$15,000 gift from Christ Child Society of Naples will enhance Grace Place's ability to provide a holistic approach to early childhood education, creating a strong foundation for lifelong learning by involving both children and their parents in the educational process.

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.

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