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NAPLES, FL – November 11, 2024 – Grace Place for Children and Families is thrilled to celebrate its 20th anniversary with **A Night in Emerald City** at the 2024 Celebration of Grace. This milestone event will honor two decades of dedication to empowering Golden Gate families through educational programs and support services, gathering the community to recognize the impact of Grace Place's mission.

WHEN: Saturday, December 7, 2024

WHERE: Elite Jets Hangar

TIME: 5:30 – 9:30 PM

The evening will feature inspiring stories from students, an exciting live auction, and special recognitions of honorees who have made an indelible impact: Grace Place's founder, Reverend Stephanie Munz Campbell, and Chief Program Officer, Diane Ponton. The event also celebrates the contributions of honorary chairs Julia Van Domelen, Craig & Pat Jilk, and the Schoen Family, whose support has been instrumental in making this milestone possible.

"We are deeply grateful to Reverend Stephanie Campbell and Diane Ponton, whose vision and dedication have shaped Grace Place into the impactful organization it is today," said Lara Fisher, CEO of Grace Place. "Their work has transformed the lives of countless families, and we are honored to celebrate their legacy alongside our honorary chairs, Julia, Craig & Pat, and the Schoen Family. Their steadfast support has been essential to sustaining our programs and expanding our mission."

Grace Place would also like to recognize and thank the generous sponsors who have made this event possible:

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Guests will enjoy a journey through “Emerald City” with an elegant dinner, live entertainment, and a chance to support the programs that Grace Place has built over the last 20 years. Proceeds from the evening will go toward sustaining educational initiatives, including early childhood programs, after-school enrichment, adult literacy, and family support services for Golden Gate families.

Don't miss this extraordinary evening! Tickets are still available—join us to celebrate 20 years of impact and help build a brighter future for our community. Purchase your tickets now at <https://grace20th.givesmart.com>.

About Grace Place

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 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.

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