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Grace Place receives \$15,000 grant from Christ Child Society of Naples

Naples, FL – September 25, 2025 – Grace Place for Children and Families is proud to announce that the Christ Child Society of Naples has awarded a \$15,000 grant in support of its Bright Beginnings program, a nationally recognized family literacy initiative.

Bright Beginnings empowers parents and children to learn together by providing high-quality early childhood education and equipping parents with the skills, English acquisition, and confidence to support their child's academic journey. The program builds early literacy, strengthens families, and ensures children enter kindergarten ready to succeed.

This grant will directly benefit 180 families in Golden Gate, where access to quality early childhood education is often limited. Bright Beginnings partners with families to create a culture of continuous learning, empowering both children and parents to thrive.

"We are deeply grateful to the Christ Child Society of Naples for their continued partnership and commitment to our mission," said Lara Fisher, CEO of Grace Place. "Their support helps ensure that children in our community are prepared to start school, while also empowering parents as their child's first and most important teacher."

The Christ Child Society of Naples (CCSN) is a non-profit, multi-denominational organization of involved volunteers dedicated to serving the children in need of Collier County. CCSN is one of 46 chapters nationwide. Founded in Naples in 1997 by a small group of dedicated women, they have grown to a membership of more than 200 fulfilling its mission of service to the underserved children of Collier County. Their investment in Bright Beginnings reflects a shared belief in the power of education to transform lives and strengthen communities.

ABOUT GRACE PLACE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Grace Place for Children and Families, founded in 2004, is a nonprofit family literacy center committed to providing pathways out of poverty by educating children and families. Grace Place enrolls over 1,300 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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