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Collier Community Foundation Awards \$10,000 Grant to Grace Place Food Pantry

Naples, FL – September 29, 2025 – Grace Place for Children and Families is honored to announce that it has received a \$10,000 grant supported by the Greater Marco Island Community Fund at the Collier Community Foundation to support its Food Pantry, which provides essential nutrition and resources to families in the Golden Gate community.

The Grace Place Food Pantry serves hundreds of families each week, addressing food insecurity and helping parents ensure children have the nourishment they need to grow and learn. In addition to healthy food, families also receive connections to educational programs and community resources that strengthen long-term stability.

"This generous support from the Collier Community Foundation comes at a critical time for many families who are facing rising living costs and food insecurity," said Lara Fisher, CEO of Grace Place. "The Food Pantry is often a first point of connection for families with Grace Place, and this investment helps us not only meet immediate needs but also open doors to educational opportunities that can transform lives."

The Collier Community Foundation works to improve the quality of life in Collier County by identifying community needs and providing impactful grants that address critical issues. Their support of Grace Place's Food Pantry reflects a shared commitment to building a stronger, healthier, and more resilient community.

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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