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Grace Place Receives \$200,000 Foglia Family Foundation Grant to Expand Internship Program

Naples, FL - This investment will ensure the continuation of meaningful internship opportunities for high school students while launching new pathways for Adult Education participants. By broadening access, Grace Place will equip an even wider range of learners with hands-on experience that builds confidence, professional skills, and long-term career readiness.

"Our internship program has always been a powerful bridge between education and opportunity," said Lara Fisher, Chief Executive Officer of Grace Place for Children and Families. "This generous grant allows us to deepen that impact—continuing to serve high school students while opening doors for Adult Education learners who are eager to strengthen their skills and advance their careers."

A key enhancement of the expanded program is the introduction of second-year internship placements for high school seniors who previously participated. These students will have the opportunity to intern with partner organizations across the community, gaining real-world experience aligned with their career interests and post-secondary goals.

Grace Place for Children and Families is committed to preparing youth and adults for success in today's workforce. Through education, mentorship, and practical experience, the organization empowers learners to build brighter futures for themselves and their families

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). The organization also provides Adult Education courses and operates a Family Food Distribution program serving the enrolled families. For more information about Grace Place for Children and Families and to explore volunteer opportunities, visit www.graceplacenaples.org.