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Grace Place Announces Michael Strahan as Featured Speaker for Beyond the Bookshelf

NAPLES, Fla. — [July 17, 2026] – Grace Place for Children and Families is proud to announce that Michael Strahan will be the featured speaker at its 2nd Annual Beyond the Bookshelf, taking place Thursday, December 3, 2026 at 5:00 PM at Grey Oaks Country Club.

Beyond the Bookshelf is a signature Grace Place event that brings the community together for an evening of dinner, conversation, and impact in support of students and families across Collier County.

Michael Strahan, a Super Bowl champion, Pro Football Hall of Famer, and Emmy Award-winning television host, is widely recognized for his success on the field and his dynamic career in broadcasting. Known for his authenticity, resilience, and leadership, Strahan's story reflects the power of perseverance, growth, and opportunity.

"At Grace Place, we see every day that when individuals are supported and given access to education, they are able to move forward and create new opportunities for themselves and their families," said Lära Fisher, Chief Executive Officer at Grace Place. "Michael Strahan's story reflects that same belief, and we are honored to welcome him to our community."

At the event, Strahan will share insights from his career and personal journey, offering reflections on leadership, navigating change, and building confidence through continued growth.

Funds raised through Beyond the Bookshelf support Grace Place programs, which equip children and families with English literacy, academic support, and pathways to long-term success. Through its whole-family model, Grace Place helps students stay on track in school, parents build skills and confidence, and families move forward together.

Sponsorship opportunities are currently available. Individual tickets will go on sale August 1, 2026.

For more information, visit Beyond2026.givesmart.com.

About Grace Place for Children and Families

Grace Place for Children and Families is a nonprofit organization in Naples, Florida that helps remove barriers to opportunity by providing free, family-centered English literacy programs. By supporting every member of the family, from infants through adults, Grace Place strengthens English skills, academic success, and pathways to college and careers, enrolling over 1,300 students each year. Discover more at graceplacenaples.org, follow @graceplacenaples on social, or schedule a campus tour to see the impact in action.