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Moorings Park Foundation Invests in Future Workforce Through \$20,000 Grant to Grace Place's High School Program

NAPLES, Fla. – Grace Place for Children and Families is proud to announce a \$20,000 grant from the Moorings Park Foundation in support of its high school program, Leaders Empowered to Achieve Dreams (LEAD).

The investment will help Grace Place equip high school students from the under-resourced community of Golden Gate with the skills, confidence, and career exposure needed to successfully transition into adulthood and become contributing members of Southwest Florida's workforce.

Through academic support, leadership development, mentorship, and intentional career exploration, Grace Place prepares students for high-demand careers that are essential to the long-term vitality of the region. The program connects students with professionals and community mentors who help them build networks, develop workplace readiness skills, and explore career pathways in industries such as healthcare, hospitality, and skilled trades.

"We are deeply grateful to the Moorings Park Foundation for investing in the potential of our students," said Lära Fisher, Chief Executive Officer. "This grant will help prepare the next generation of skilled professionals who will strengthen our community and contribute to industries that play a critical role in supporting Southwest Florida's senior population."

Grace Place's LEAD program is part of the organization's mission to provide pathways out of poverty through education for children and families in Golden Gate. By connecting students with opportunities for growth, mentorship, and career success, the program is helping develop tomorrow's leaders and strengthening Southwest Florida for generations to come.

About Grace Place for Children and Families

Grace Place for Children and Families is a nonprofit organization in Naples, Florida, dedicated to removing 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 achievement, and pathways to college and careers, enrolling more than 1,300 students annually. Discover more at graceplacenaples.org, follow @graceplacenaples on social, or schedule a campus tour to see the impact in action.

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