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Grace Place Receives \$410,000 Grant from Naples Children Foundation to Support Family Literacy and Student Access

Naples, Fla. – Grace Place for Children and Families has been awarded \$410,000 by the Naples Children Foundation, founders of the Naples Winter Wine Festival, to support educational opportunities for children and families across Collier County.

The funding includes \$310,000 for Grace Place's nationally recognized Bright Beginnings family literacy program and \$100,000 to support student transportation, helping ensure families can access educational services regardless of transportation barriers.

Bright Beginnings is Grace Place's two-generation family literacy model, serving young children and their parents together. Through the program, children build the foundational skills needed to enter kindergarten ready to learn, while parents strengthen English literacy, gain confidence, and develop the skills needed to support their children's education and pursue greater opportunity for their families.

"Education changes everything," said Lära Fisher, CEO of Grace Place. "We are incredibly grateful to the Naples Children Foundation for its continued investment in children and families. This support helps young learners build a strong academic foundation while empowering parents through English literacy and education. Together, we are creating opportunities that have the potential to impact families for generations."

The transportation funding will ensure students can reliably access Grace Place's educational programs, removing one of the most common barriers to participation for families in the Golden Gate community. By providing transportation to and from campus, Grace Place helps students remain engaged in learning and allows parents to participate fully in educational opportunities.

For more information about Grace Place and its programs, visit graceplacenaples.org.

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.

About the Naples Children Foundation

The Naples Children Foundation, the founding organization of the Naples Winter Wine Festival, creates transformational change and improves educational, emotional and health outcomes

for vulnerable children in Collier County. Through its annual grants and strategic initiatives, NCF has impacted nearly 90 of the most effective nonprofits in the local community, providing 420,000 children with the services and resources they need to succeed. Through bold investments, collaborative partnerships, and data-driven solutions, NCF supports programs that ensure every child can thrive. NCF's unique approach, which bridges public and private resources, has become a blueprint for how to transform a community – one issue at a time.

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