ELC AWARDED $5,000 GRANT FROM COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SARASOTA

PALMETTO, FLORIDA, FEBRUARY 9TH, 2022 – The Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County Inc, (ELC) has been awarded a $5000 grant from The Leslie and Margaret Weller Fund of the Community Foundation of Sarasota County to fund a professional development project.

ELC collectively and consistently strives to meet the needs of the community with originality. In order to continue this work, leadership within the agency places a high priority on team culture and professional development. Therefore, on November 16, 2022, the Leadership Team, composed of Officers and Directors, met to participate in a full-day Excellence Performance Leadership Seminar with Tony Daum.

During the seminar, through group discussion and friendly negotiation, five words were selected to become the pillars of the culture desired at ELC. These words - integrity, innovation, support, investment, and commitment - were selected and will be written into the fabric of the agency through various activities. This grant award will allow ELC to expand these pillars to the entire Early Learning Coalition’s 51-strong workforce at a one-day group retreat in May. Excellence Performance will be the group’s guest speaker, sharing ways in which every team member can contribute to a positive and thriving team culture.

About the Early Learning Coalition of Manatee: The mission of the Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County is to provide and coordinate services within school readiness programs in an efficient manner in order to help all children develop the skills needed to achieve future educational success, to support the role of parents as their child’s first and most important teacher, and to continue to improve the quality of services available in the community. The Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County truly understands that a child’s future educational success is determined in the first years of life. For more information, visit www.elc-manatee.org or call (941) 757-2900.

About the Community Foundation of Sarasota County: The Community Foundation of Sarasota County is a public charity founded in 1979 by the Southwest Florida Estate Planning Council as a resource for caring individuals and the causes they support, enabling them to make a charitable impact on the community. With assets of $520 million in more than 1,570 charitable funds, the Community Foundation awarded grants and scholarships totaling $27.5 million dollars last year in the areas of education, the arts, health and human services, civic engagement, animal welfare and the environment. Since its founding, the Community Foundation has been able to grant more than $350 million to area nonprofit organizations to our
community thanks to the generosity of charitable individuals, families, and businesses. For more information, visit www.CFSarasota.org or call (941) 955-3000.

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The Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County, Inc. is a multi-service agency dedicated to helping children develop skills that they will need to be successful in school and life. The agency's focus is on high-quality school readiness opportunities for all children and their families, understanding that it is in the first years of life that a child's future educational success is determined and the critical role of parents as their child's first and most important teacher.

To learn more about Coalition's services, go to www.elc-manatee.org or call 941-757-2900, extension 2101