



TWO FOSTERING SUCCESS MENTORS NOMINATED FOR THE GOLDEN APPLE AWARD

NAPLES, Fla. – (October 2023) Fostering Success announced two of its mentors have been nominated for this year’s Golden Apple Award. Michelle Wood and Miguel Orenge have been nominated for the prestigious award, recognizing teachers for outstanding teaching and leadership.

“Fostering Success is honored to have such outstanding educators working so closely with foster children,” stated Fostering Success CEO, Ann Hughes.

Michelle Wood, a third-grade teacher at Heights Elementary for Lee County Public Schools, joined the Fostering Success Academic Mentoring team in 2023 and has quickly made a large impact on her mentees. Michelle has always had a passion for helping children and thanks to her tremendous care for her students, many children are thriving.

A third-fifth grade Exceptional Student Education (ESE) teacher for Collier County Public Schools at Lake Trafford Elementary, Miguel Orenge, has spent years with Fostering Success. Miguel has touched the lives of countless children in and out of our program. Thanks to his dedication, many children are on the right path.

Fostering Success’ Academic Mentor program provides free one-to-one tutoring and guidance up to three times a week for the full year to children who are, or were in foster care. Students are pre- and post-tested to track their progress and accurately assess specific needs. The Academic Mentor provides much-needed stability by staying with the child wherever they are placed, from home-to-home or school-to-school. The majority of children are tutored in their classroom at school which allows the tutor to have good communication with the child’s teacher and use the same curriculum as taught in the classroom.

About Fostering Success

Fostering Success provides educational and enrichment opportunities that enable foster children to fulfill their potential. Each year over 750 children are helped by Fostering Success. For additional information visit www.fosteringsuccess.net or call 239-262-1808