



Formerly Friends of Foster Children

## **FOSTERING SUCCESS RECEIVED A \$50,000 GRANT FROM THE RICHARD M. SCHULZE FAMILY FOUNDATION**

NAPLES, Fla – (June 2024) Fostering Success announced that they were awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation. This generous grant will directly support the Academic Mentor Program, a key initiative providing free tutoring to local foster children.

Fostering Success knows that education is crucial for foster children to break the cycle of instability and achieve a brighter future. The Academic Mentor/Tutor Program provides vital educational support, ensuring that foster children receive the one-to-one attention they need to thrive academically.

Foster children often face significant educational challenges due to frequent relocations and changes in schools. Each move can set them back academically by an average of six months. To address this, Fostering Success offers consistent, high-quality mentoring and tutoring services throughout the year. These sessions are tailored to each child's needs, with progress tracked through pre- and post-assessments. Importantly, the program and its mentors remain a stable presence in the children's lives, regardless of where they are placed.

"The support from the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation is a game-changer for our Academic Mentor Program," said Ann Hughes, CEO of Fostering Success. "This grant will allow us to provide more foster children with the stability and educational support they desperately need. We're incredibly grateful for the Foundation's commitment to helping us make a lasting impact in the lives of these children."

### ***About Fostering Success***

*Fostering Success provides educational and enrichment opportunities that enable foster children who are or were in the foster care system in Collier, Hendry and Glades counties to reach their full potential. The 501(c)3 organization works to fulfill the unmet needs of every child who enters or is at risk of entering the foster care system. Each year over 750 foster children are helped by Fostering Success. For additional information visit [www.FosteringSuccess.net](http://www.FosteringSuccess.net) or call 239-262-1808.*

### ***About the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation***

*The Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation was created in 2004 by Best Buy founder, Dick Schulze, to give back to the communities where Dick and his family grew up – in Minnesota, where he built Best Buy to become the world's largest consumer electronics retailer, and in Florida, where he now maintains a permanent residence. The Schulze Family Foundation creates grant partnerships with organizations that generate meaningful results in*

*human and social services, education, and health and medicine. In all its activities, the Foundation embraces its founder's vision to strengthen and support initiatives that lead to change within our communities. For more information, please visit [SchulzeFamilyFoundation.org](http://SchulzeFamilyFoundation.org)*