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***Friends of Foster Children Forever receives \$25,000 Grant from  
The Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation***

(July 12, 2016 - Naples, Florida) – Friends of Foster Children Forever (FFCF) recently received a \$25,000 grant from The Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation. The grant will help FFCF expand the existing academic mentoring program now serving foster children in Collier, to Glades and Hendry Counties.

The Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation was created in 2004 by Best Buy founder, Dick Schulze, as a way to give back to the community. Schulze and his family believe that a good education, a supportive family and a strong work ethic prepare children for a successful future. To support that belief, the foundation supports organizations operating in the areas of human and social services, education, including scholarship awards to graduating students from eligible high schools, health and entrepreneurship.

“We are very excited to expand our programs to Glades and Hendry Counties and to include foster children outside of Collier,” says Jane Billings, Executive Director of FFCF. “There is so little support for these children and our programs give them opportunities to succeed that they might not otherwise have.”

The mission of FFCF is to focus on the children they serve by providing targeted educational and enrichment opportunities that allow each child to fulfill his or her potential.

The charitable organization works to fulfill the unmet needs of every child who enters, or is at risk of entering the foster care system in Collier, Hendry and Glades Counties. Foster children are the most at-risk of academic failure in our community and through the FFCF Academic Mentoring program, these children achieve and sustain good academic grades and develop a belief in themselves and that they can succeed.

For more information about Friends of Foster Children Forever or how to help, visit [www.friendsoffosterchildren.net](http://www.friendsoffosterchildren.net) or call (239)262-1808.

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