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Verizon Serves Up \$40,000 “Cafecito” Grant To *Amigos For Kids* To Promote Healthy Family Relationships

MIAMI, FL- [Amigos For Kids](#), a nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect, will launch “Cafecito Entre Padres”, a new South Florida program designed to promote healthy family relationships and prevent family and domestic violence, thanks to a \$40,000 grant from Verizon Wireless.

“Cafecito Entre Padres” will gather parents and professional counselors to chat over the like-named and iconic Cuban coffee.

Scheduled to begin in October, which is recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, sessions are planned at La Carreta, Versailles Restaurant and other Miami restaurants famous for serving up the savory espresso to customers who meet to discuss their families, jobs and the day’s events.

“These comfortable, compelling settings, with a structured curriculum, will help our counselors deliver powerful messages about healthy, violence-free family relationships,” said Rosa Maria Plasencia, CEO of Amigos. “We are grateful for the support Verizon Wireless is offering Amigos For Kids, in order to reinforce our long-standing mission of child abuse prevention and family well-being.”

Amigos was founded in 1991 to serve the needs of South Florida’s abused, neglected and less-fortunate children and their families, through education, abuse prevention and community involvement.

“Cafecito Entre Padres will be another great initiative from Amigos to serve Miami’s diverse community, especially those most in need,” said Verizon Wireless Florida region president Mariano Legaz. “Verizon is proud to support this outstanding organization and important community cause.”

The \$40,000 grant came from Verizon’s HopeLine program. Since 2001, HopeLine has delivered more than \$21 million in the effort against domestic violence. The public can conveniently support the program by donating old unused wireless phones and accessories into HopeLine collection boxes at all Verizon Wireless stores.

For more information on HopeLine, visit www.vzw.com/hopeline.

To learn more about Amigos For Kids, go to www.amigosforkids.org.

ABOUT AMIGOS FOR KIDS- [Amigos For Kids](#) is a 501(C) 3 nonprofit corporation founded in 1991 to respond to the diverse needs of South Florida’s abused, abandoned, neglected, and less-fortunate children and their families, through education, abuse prevention, and community involvement. To fulfill its mission, Amigos relies on the support of dedicated volunteers and donors throughout the community. Throughout the year, the organization creates awareness of its cause through public service campaigns, fundraising events, and community efforts such as the Amigos For Kids’ There’s NO Excuse for Child Abuse!® Campaign.

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