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## **'80s Pop Icon Blondie to Perform at Local Firefly Gala Forty Carrots Family Center announces Spring 2012 fundraiser**

(Sarasota, FL) Eighties pop icon and 2006 Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee **Blondie** starring singer Deborah Harry with her original band will perform at **Forty Carrots Family Center's Firefly Gala**, presented by **The Dart Foundation**, on **Saturday, March 24, 2012** at **The Concession Golf Club**. The fund raising event promises to include all the fanfare of an authentic concert.

Chairwoman Ariane Dart pictured here with some of her committee is gearing up for this spectacular rock & roll gala – all with a compelling purpose of raising vital funds for Forty Carrots Family Center.

“The Dart Foundation is dedicated to enhancing educational opportunities for children and young adults and is proud to support Forty Carrots Family Center's mission of strengthening families. Forty Carrots' unique combination of top-ranking early childhood education and quality parenting education results in giving children a better chance at succeeding in school and life long success,” says Ariane Dart, Forty Carrots Trustee and The Dart Foundation representative.

Following on the heels of last year's success with KC & the Sunshine Band, this year's gala continues to combine the rock star entertainment of Blondie with world-class dining prepared by renown restaurateur and chef Sean Murphy and the chance to win exciting auction items. Get ready for this hot hot hot spring fundraiser.

**What: *Firefly Gala starring BLONDIE, presented by The Dart Foundation***

**When: 6 pm Saturday, March 24, 2012**

**Where: The Concessions Golf Club, 7700 Lindrick Lane, Bradenton**

For sponsorship details or information on how you can be involved email [info@fortycarrots.com](mailto:info@fortycarrots.com) or call (941)365-7716. Visit our website at [www.fortycarrots.org](http://www.fortycarrots.org) . Follow **The Firefly Gala** on Facebook.



**Committee Members Pictured:**

**Back row left to right: Minta Getzen, Sabrina Culver, Monika Hall, Brooke Hann, Natalie Fung, Cassie Vassallo, Juanita Knight, Anna DeFelice**

**Middle row left to right: Ellen Steinwachs, Geri Jo Manson, Deanna Creaturo, Jena Wilson, Ali Jaynes, Betsy Kane-Hartnett**

**Front row left to right: Melissa and Zila Morsli, Ariane Dart, Tonya Gowan, Yazzie Bruss**

Forty Carrots Family Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening families through educational programs for parents, children and professionals in the field.

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