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Kentucky Derby Gala Generates $25,000 To Help Brevard County Child Victims of Abuse

Melbourne, Fla. — The Rockledge Rotary Foundation's annual Kentucky Derby Gala fund-raising event, held May 6, 2006 generated in excess of $25,000. Proceeds from the event will help further the work of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard, a local non-profit organization that intervenes in the most severe cases of child abuse in Brevard County.

More than 200 community residents attended the event, held at the Imperial's Hotel in Viera. Funds were generated through sponsorships, jackpot drawings, a hat parade contest, horse wagers for prizes and a live and silent auction. Event sponsors included Community Educators Credit Union, Image Technical Services, ITEX Barter Exchange, Ryan Reporting, Scott Printing & Mailing House and Whittaker Cooper Financial Group.

"The Rockledge Rotary Foundation is dedicated to supporting the children of Brevard County," said Diane MacEntee, Executive Director of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard. "We are grateful that they have gifted Kentucky Derby Gala proceeds to support the Children's Advocacy Center. This funding is instrumental as we provide needed programs and services to hundreds of child abuse victims each year."

The Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard intervenes in the most severe cases of child abuse found in Brevard County by uniting child protection specialists from multiple agencies under one roof in a child-friendly environment.

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