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Autumn Splendor Nets \$13,718 for Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard

Melbourne, Fla.—The Suntree Ladies Tennis Association and the Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard have announced the results of another successful *Autumn Splendor Fashion Show, Silent Auction and Luncheon*. "The event was close to a sellout at just under 250 in attendance and netted \$13,718 to benefit the programs and services of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard," said Event Chair Christy Cannella.

Autumn Splendor was presented by Child Advocate Sponsors FLORIDA TODAY, Pediatrics in Brevard and Guy and Delores Spearman, and by Child Supporter Sponsors Community Educators Credit Union, Kessel Companies, Whittaker Cooper Financial Group, Wuesthoff Health System, Wuesthoff Health System Auxiliary and Table Sponsors Bonner Electric, Child Protection Team of Brevard, Christy Cannella, Commerical Roofing, Countywide Title, Florida Recyclers of Brevard, Hoover Audio Visual, Hoyman Dobson CPAs, Intervention Services, Jelus Engineering, Maxwell King, RW Kirk Family Limited Partnership, Sheridan Group and Suntree Country Club.

Cannella is also Secretary for the Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard. She and Event Co-chair, Mary Louise Coleman, Co-chair of the Suntree Ladies Tennis Association Board, and Event Committee members Ru Nance, Peggy Allen, Kim Gwiazda, Shari Hoover, Joan Jensen, Jamie Johnson, Marlene Spatola, Don Hemmenway, Jeanie Bondy, Teresa Munroe, Annette Burgess, Diane Scott, Pat Lohneiss, Lori Fengel, Betty Minton, Kelly Lewis and Marilee McDonald organized the 10th anniversary event for the Advocacy Center.

Emcee Michael Coleman, former publisher of FLORIDA TODAY, kept the event running smoothly and Charles Biehl, Director of the Children's Advocacy Center and Child Protection Team, and Jeanie Bondy, Casework Supervisor with the Child Protection Team, shared with the audience the importance of the work at the Advocacy Center on behalf of severely abused children.

Dawn Goodson, Agenda Consultant with Stein Mart was the Fashion Commentator for the Stein Mart fashions worn by models Amelia Furgaro, Pam Higgins, Gina Jimenez, Nancy Juhn, Carolyn McLeod, Lena Shuman, Becky Thompson and Marita Wooten.

Established in 1996, the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard is a nonprofit organization affiliated with Wuesthoff Health Services, and is a multiple-agency collaboration of the Child Protection Team, the Florida Department of Children and Families, Brevard County Sheriff's Office and municipal law enforcement agencies, the Office of the State Attorney and community mental health professionals. Advocacy Center partners intervene in cases of child sexual or severe physical abuse, or neglect—the most difficult cases in Brevard County.

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Autumn Splendor Benefits Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard



Autumn Splendor Fashion Show, Luncheon and Silent Auction attendees purchase tickets for various drawings to win cash and prizes with proceeds to benefit the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard.



Marita Wooten models an outfit from Stein Mart at the Autumn Splendor Fashion Show, Luncheon and Silent Auction to benefit the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard.