



Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard

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Derby Gala to Benefit the Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard and Rockledge Rotary Foundation

Melbourne, Fla.—The Rockledge Rotary Foundation will present the **134th Run for the Roses Derby Gala** from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, 2008 at the Radisson Resort at the Port in Cape Canaveral to benefit the Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard and the Rockledge Rotary Foundation.

Tickets for the fundraising event are \$50 per person and include a full dinner buffet; complimentary drinks; music and dancing; a hat parade contest; silent auction and drawings, including a drawing for a quilt donated by Memory Makers Sewing Circle, plus a live broadcast of the 134th Kentucky Derby race on a large projection screen.

Sponsorship opportunities are available and auction items are needed. For details call Mr. Gerry Ryan at 636-4450, or inquire via email to Kymn Zecman at kymm@ryanreporting.com.

The Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard's share of the proceeds from this event will be used to support the mission of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard. Established in 1996, the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard is affiliated with Wuesthoff Health Services and is a multi-agency collaboration of the Child Protection Team, the Florida Department of Children and Families, both of which are onsite at the Advocacy Center; 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 the most severe cases of child abuse in the county and in fiscal year 2006-2007 assessed 996 cases of child sexual abuse, and the worst cases of physical abuse and neglect in our community. Major onsite services provided by the Child Protection Team include medical exams, medical consultations, and specialized and forensic interviews. The CACB Clinical Intervention Program provides crisis and short-term counseling for child victims and their non-offending family members.

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