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### **Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard Elect New Officers**

*Melbourne, Fla.*—The Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard elected its officers for 2008 naming Kenneth Whittaker as President, David Brock as Vice President/Treasurer and Helene Sanford as Secretary. Whittaker and Brock are both long-time directors of the Friends and are joined by Helene Sanford, who is new to the Board.

Ken Whittaker, a certified public accountant and certified financial planner, is a principal partner with Whittaker-Cooper in Melbourne. David Brock is president of Community Educators Credit Union, which is headquartered in Rockledge and has branches throughout Brevard; and Helene Sanford is Director of Human Resources, Compensation, Training and Development for Intersil Corporation in Palm Bay.

Also serving on the Friends Board are: Christy Cannella, Owner, Special Occasions of Melbourne; Kimberly Gwiazda, Victim Witness Counselor, Office of the State Attorney, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit; Don Hemmenway, Engineering Manager, Intersil Corporation; Dr. Maxwell King, Community Volunteer and Retired College President; Phillip Lane, Insurance Agent, J.W. Edens & Co.; Diane Scott, Intervention Services; Delores Spearman, Community Volunteer; and Norman Wolfinger, State Attorney, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit.

The Friends is a nonprofit organization incorporated in 2000 and comprised of volunteers whose purpose is to increase awareness of the issues of child abuse and neglect, and to raise funding 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.

For additional information about the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard (CACB), or to inquire about, or support the work of the Friends, call 259-1883, or visit the CACB website at [www.cacbrevard.org](http://www.cacbrevard.org). CACB tours are available by appointment by calling Teresa Munroe at 259-1883.

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