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Bristol-Hansen Charitable Foundation Awards Grant to the Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard

Brevard County, Fla.—The Bristol-Hansen Charitable Foundation has awarded a \$3,700 grant to the Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard for the Clinical Intervention Program (CIP) of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard.

"The generosity of Grace Bristol and Gladys Hansen lives on through this foundation, and we are grateful to benefit from their legacy," said Charles Biehl, Director of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard. "This grant from the Bristol Hansen Foundation will enable us to totally revamp the CIP's client management system. The Clinical Intervention Program provides crisis and short-term counseling free of charge to child abuse victims and their non-offending parents or caregivers. We've began the program in December 1997, and it remains a unique resource in Brevard."

The Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard is a nonprofit organization established to increase awareness of the issues of child abuse and neglect and to raise funding for the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard.

Established in 1996, the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard (CACB) is managed by the Space Coast Health Foundation. CACB 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 are involved in the most difficult cases in Brevard County, including cases of child sexual or severe physical abuse, and neglect. More than 1,000 cases were assessed at the Advocacy Center in fiscal year 2010-2011. Major onsite services provided by the Child Protection Team include medical exams, medical consultations, and specialized and forensic interviews.

For additional information about the Children's Advocacy Center or the Friends, call 637-7652, or visit our website at www.cacbrevard.org. CACB tours are available by appointment.

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