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

Melbourne, Fla.—The generosity of former teachers Grace Bristol and Gladys Hansen lives on in the Bristol-Hansen Charitable Foundation, which has awarded a \$4,000 grant to the Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard to be used to build a child's playroom and waiting area at what will be the new Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard facility in Rockledge, Florida.

In a letter from Foundation Trustee, Hubert C. Normile, Jr., he stated that, "Ms. Bristol and Ms. Hansen would be pleased to know that these funds are going to be used for your worthy cause. You do very important work for the children." Kenneth Whittaker, President of the Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard, added, "The Bristol-Hansen Foundation has been a long-time supporter of the Advocacy Center and continues to demonstrate their commitment to the Advocacy Center's mission. This latest grant is tangible proof of their desire to support efforts to help abused children in our community."

"We are on track to begin renovations of the new Advocacy Center facility in early 2009 with occupancy by the end of March," said Charles Biehl, Director of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard and the Child Protection Team. The building on Seminole Avenue in Rockledge will replace the Advocacy Center's current facility in Suntree, which is owned by the Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard.

The Mission of the Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard is to increase awareness of the issues of child abuse and neglect and to raise funding for the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard, an organization that serves abused and neglected children of Brevard County, Florida.

Established in 1996, the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard (CACB) is a nonprofit organization affiliated with Wuesthoff Health Services. 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. 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 immediate mental health crisis counseling for child victims and their non-offending family members.

For additional information about the Advocacy Center, call 259-1883, or visit our website at www.cacbrevard.org. CACB tours are available by appointment by calling Teresa Munroe at 259-1883.

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