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### The Margaret Heins Foundation Awards Grant to benefit Children's Advocacy Center

Melbourne, Fla.—The Margaret Heins Foundation has awarded a \$2,500 grant to the Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard for use when the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard (CACB) moves to a new facility. Specifically, the Foundation awarded the grant to assist the organization in securing and renovating a permanent facility for Advocacy Center professionals to provide on-site services to abused and neglected children and their non-offending family members.

The Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard currently occupies a 7,200 square-foot building located in the Suntree area of Melbourne. It is the intent of the CACB to relocate in the near future to a larger facility, and funding from The Margaret Heins Foundation will offset the expenses associated with that move and help with renovation costs.

"The generosity of The Margaret Heins Foundation is not new to us. The Foundation has been a supporter of the Advocacy Center's mission for a long time. Just saying we are grateful doesn't begin to express our appreciation," said Kenneth Whittaker, President of the Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard.

The mission of the Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard, a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, 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 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](http://www.cacbrevard.org). CACB tours are available by appointment by calling Teresa Munroe at 259-1883.

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