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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 \$1,500 grant to the Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard to be used to revise the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard's information and outreach video.

The Bristol-Hansen Foundation had originally funded the making of the video and its revision was necessary after the move of the Advocacy Center from Suntree to Rockledge earlier this year. The grant enabled the Advocacy Center to update scenes to show services being provided in the new building. The new video will be posted on the Advocacy Center's website at cacbrevard.org in January and copies will be available by request.

"The generosity of former teachers Grace Bristol and Gladys Hansen lives on through this foundation," said Charles Biehl, Director of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard. "We are very grateful that the Friends sought a grant for this purpose and very much appreciate the support provided to us."

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.

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. More than 1,100 cases were assessed at the Advocacy Center in fiscal year 2008-2009. 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 onsite crisis and short-term counseling for child victims and their non-offending family members.

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

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