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Children's Advocacy Center Relocating to Rockledge April 1

Brevard County, Fla.—April 1 is moving day for the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard (CACB), a child abuse intervention organization. The CACB is moving to its new location at the former Children's Medical Services building at 1133 Seminole Drive in Rockledge. Advocacy Center Director Charles Biehl said, "We've been anticipating this move for a long time, and now we are finally packing up and moving into the renovated building."

The CACB has been in its current 7,200-square-foot location in the Suntree area of Melbourne since December 1997. The new facility in Rockledge is almost 10,000 square feet, giving the Advocacy Center's onsite and off-site partners more room to provide intervention services to the most severely abused children in the county. The Suntree building is owned by the Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard, which hopes to sell it and use the profits to assist the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard.

April 1 is also the first day of Child Abuse Prevention Month and a time to celebrate the important role that communities play in protecting children. This month, and throughout the year, the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making Brevard County a better place for families by ensuring that parents have the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to care for their children.

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 2007-2008 assessed 1,074 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.

The Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization comprised of volunteers who bring awareness of the issues of child abuse and neglect in our community, and raise funding to support the mission of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard. Board members are David Brock, Kimberly Gwiazda, Donald Hemmenway, Maxwell C. King, Ed.D., Jessie Das Kirk, Helene Sanford, Diane Scott, Delores Spearman, Kenneth Whittaker and Norman Wolfinger.

The main telephone number for the Advocacy Center is not changing, and additional information about the CACB may be obtained by calling 259-1883, or visiting cacbrevard.org.

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