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Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard Elect New Officers, Appoint New Board Director

Melbourne, Fla.—The Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard elected its officers for 2009 naming Helene Sanford, SPHR, as President; Donald Hemmenway as Vice President; Kenneth A. Whittaker, CPA, CFP, as Treasurer and David O. Brock as Secretary.

Helene Sanford is Director of Human Resources, Compensation, Training and Development for Intersil Corporation in Palm Bay. Don Hemmenway is an Engineering Manager at Intersil Corporation. Ken Whittaker, a certified public accountant and certified financial planner, is a principal partner with Whittaker Cooper Financial Group and Branch Manager for Raymond James Financial Services in Melbourne. David Brock is president and CEO of Community Credit Union of Florida.

The Board also welcomed Jessie Das Kirk as a new member. Kirk is the Owner of Kirk Realty Inc. in Titusville. Also serving on the Friends Board are: Kimberly Gwiazda, Victim Witness Counselor, Office of the State Attorney, 18th Judicial Circuit; Maxwell C. King, Ed.D., Community Volunteer and Retired College President; Diane Scott, Director, Child Welfare for Intervention Services, Inc.; Delores Spearman, Community Volunteer; and Norman Wolfinger, State Attorney, 18th Judicial Circuit.

The Friends is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization comprised of volunteers whose purpose is to increase awareness of the issues of child abuse and neglect in our community, and to raise funding to support the mission of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard.

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 2006-2007 assessed 996 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.

For additional information about the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard (CACB), or the Friends call 259-1883, or visit the CACB website at www.cacbrevard.org. CACB tours are available by appointment by calling Teresa Munroe at 259-1883.

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