



## Media Release

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### **Target Awards Grant to Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard**

Brevard County — The Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard (CACB) received a \$1,000 grant from Target® for the Clinical Intervention Program, a unique program that provides free crisis and short-term counseling to victims of child abuse and their non-offending family members. This grant from Target is greatly appreciated, and will be effectively used to assist children who are dealing with the difficulties associated with sexual or physical abuse.

In fiscal year 2008-2009, one full-time and one part-time counselor provided 1,010 counseling sessions to child victims and non-offending family members—without a waiting list.

The cases handled through the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard are the most severe cases of abuse found in Brevard County—all child sexual abuse and the worst cases of physical abuse and neglect. In fiscal year 2008-2009, 1,178 cases were opened at the Advocacy Center.

The Target grant is part of ongoing efforts by Target to strengthen families and communities throughout the country. Since 1946, Target has dedicated five percent of its income to partnering with organizations to make positive changes in the community through education, the arts, social services and volunteerism. Today that equals more than \$3 million every week.

Established in 1996, the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard is a nonprofit organization affiliated with Wuesthoff Health Services. Advocacy Center partners are involved in the most difficult cases in Brevard County, including cases of child sexual or severe physical abuse, and neglect. 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. Major onsite services provided by the Child Protection Team include medical exams, medical consultations, and specialized and forensic interviews.

For additional information about the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard, call 321.637.6752, or visit our website at [www.cacbrevard.org](http://www.cacbrevard.org). Tours available by request.

For more information on Target's community involvement, visit [Target.com/community](http://Target.com/community).

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