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Toast and Roast Event to Benefit the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard

Melbourne, Fla.—The Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard has announced that they will introduce an annual event that will raise funds for the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard and honor a local individual who makes a difference in the lives of abused children. The April 4 event will be held in the Rotunda at the King Center for Performing Arts in Melbourne and is \$75 per person. Guests can start the evening at 6 p.m. with music and dancing, or just mingling with friends. Dinner is at 7 p.m. followed by the Toast and Roast of State Attorney Norman Wolfinger with Emcee Jim Theriac at 8 p.m. Attire for the occasion is business casual.

"We selected as our first honoree for the Toast and Roast State Attorney Norm Wolfinger because of his staunch support for establishing the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard and his continued commitment to the Advocacy Center's efforts on behalf of abused children," explained Friends Board President Helene Sanford. "And it's a good way to kick off Child Abuse Prevention Month.

"The inaugural event will acknowledge Mr. Wolfinger's role past and present with the Advocacy Center but it is a Toast and Roast, which means there will be speakers who recall some humorous times in his life and career, too," added Sanford. "He will be toasted for his dedication and leadership, and roasted just for the fun of it."

Stepping up early in support of the event and the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard are these Silver Sponsors: Community Credit Union, Whittaker Cooper Financial Group, the Sanford family, and Delores and Guy Spearman. Event sponsorships are available by calling Helene Sanford at 729-5132 or 431-8007 (cell), or Kim Gwiazda at 617-7510.

The Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard 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. In addition to Sanford and Gwiazda, the Board members are Donald Hemmenway, Kenneth Whittaker, David Brock, Jessie Das Kirk, Maxwell C. King, Ed.D., Diane Scott, Delores Spearman, and Norman Wolfinger.

Established in 1996, the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard (CACB) 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.

For additional information about the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard, 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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