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Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard Elect Peta Adovasio to Board

Brevard County—The Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard elected community volunteer and calligrapher **Peta Adovasio** to its Board in June. As a volunteer, Adovasio chaired the silent auction committee for the Friends recent signature fundraiser, the 2010 Toast and Roast, an event that grossed \$35,000 for programs and services of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard.

Adovasio is a resident of Merritt Island and was nominated by long-time Board Director, Delores Spearman, who said "Peta would very much be a working board member, as she effectively demonstrated at the Toast and Roast. Also, her undergraduate degree in early childhood development is an added bonus." In addition to other community activities, Adovasio is a sustaining member of the Central Brevard Junior Service League and a St. Mark's Episcopal Church Alter Guild member.

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

Helene Sanford, SPHR, Director of Human Resources and Compensation with Intersil Corporation, is President; **Annamarie Waite**, MSN, ARNP, an Adjunct Faculty member at Florida Tech, is Vice President; **Donald Hemmenway**, an Engineering Manager at Intersil Corporation, is Treasurer; **Diane Scott**, Director of Child Welfare at Intervention Services, Inc., is Secretary; and Community Volunteer **Delores Spearman** is Assistant Secretary.

Board Directors are: **Randall Coleman**, Vice President, Global Wealth Management, Merrill Lynch; **David Brock**, President/CEO, Community Credit Union of Florida; **Kimberly Gwiazda**, Victim Witness Counselor, Office of the State Attorney, 18th Judicial Circuit; **Maxwell King, Ed.D.**, Community Volunteer and Retired College President; **Jessie Das Kirk**, Owner of Kirk Realty in Titusville, **Vicki Rios-Martinez**, Community Volunteer, **Kenneth Whittaker, CPA/PFS, CFP, CLU/ChFC**, Branch Manager, Raymond James Financial Services, Whittaker Cooper Financial Group; and **Norman Wolfinger**, State Attorney, 18th Judicial Circuit. **Sheriff Jack Parker** is as an Advisory member.

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, including all child sexual abuse cases, and the worst cases of physical abuse and neglect. Major onsite services provided by the Child Protection Team include medical exams and consultations, and specialized and forensic interviews. The CACB Clinical Intervention Program provides free 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, or the work of the Friends, visit the CACB website at www.cacbrevard.org, or call 637-7652.

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