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Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard Elect New Officers; Welcome New Members

Brevard County—The Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard elected its officers for 2010 naming Helene Sanford as President for another year, and electing Annmarie Waite as Vice President, Donald Hemmenway as Treasurer, Diane Scott as Secretary and Delores Spearman as Assistant Secretary.

Helene Sanford, SPHR, is Director of Human Resources and Compensation with Intersil Corporation; Annmarie Waite, MSN, ARNP, is an Adjunct Faculty member at Florida Tech; Don Hemmenway is an Engineering Manager at Intersil Corporation; Diane Scott is Director of Child Welfare at Intervention Services, Inc. and Delores Spearman is a Community Volunteer.

The Board also elected as a new director, Randall Coleman, Vice President, Global Wealth Management, Merrill Lynch, and appointed Sheriff Jack Parker as an Advisory member.

Also serving on the Friends Board are: 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.

The Friends Board is a nonprofit organization and 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.

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. In fiscal year 2008-2009 assessed 1,178 cases. 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 work of the Friends, visit the CACB website at www.cacbrevard.org, or call 637-7652.

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