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

Brevard County—The Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard will host its second annual Toast and Roast event to raise funds for the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard on April 10 at the Radisson Resort at the Port in Cape Canaveral. This year's honoree will be attorney, community leader and philanthropist Jim Theriac. Community Credit Union President/CEO David Brock will serve as Roastmaster.

Vance, Lotane & Bookhardt, P.A., Charpentier Law Firm, P.A., and Scott Glover, The Glover Group at Merrill Lynch are the Title sponsors for the event.

Event sponsors are Brevard Community College, Delores and Guy Spearman, and Whittaker Cooper Financial Group. Community Credit Union is a Table sponsor and is also sponsoring the band. Jim and Jonnie Swann, and Kirk Realty are Table sponsors. For information about sponsoring this event, contact Delores Spearman at 321.537.3378 or 636.5488, or Kim Gwiazda at 617.7510.

The cost is \$150 per person. At 6:00 p.m., guests can enjoy hors d'oeuvres as they listen to the music of the Danny Morris Band. Also starting at 6 p.m. is something new this year, the opportunity for guests to bid on unique items at the silent auction. The dinner buffet is at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Toast and Roast at 8 p.m. Around 9:30 p.m. guests can dance to the surf-rock sounds of the Danny Morris Band.

Toasters and Roasters are Brevard Community College President, Dr. James A. Drake, Attorney Mitchell S. Goldman, Attorney Kendall T. Moore, Joe Williams, Brevard Community College Foundation, former Brevard County Sheriff Phil Williams, and State Attorney Norman Wolfinger, who was last year's honoree.

"The Toast and Roast is our signature event and vitally important to our fundraising efforts on behalf of the Children's Advocacy Center," said Friends President Helene Sanford. "And presenting it in April is a good way to bring awareness to Child Abuse Prevention Month."

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. Board members are: Randall Coleman, Kim Gwiazda, Donald Hemmenway, Kenneth Whittaker, David Brock, Jessie Das Kirk, Maxwell C. King, Ed.D., Vicki Rios-Martinez, Helene Sanford, Diane Scott, Delores Spearman, Annmarie Waite and Norman Wolfinger. Sheriff Jack Parker is an advisory member.

Established in 1996, the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard (CACB) is affiliated with Wuesthoff Health Services. CACB intervenes in the most severe cases of child abuse, including all child sexual abuse, in the county and in fiscal year 2008-2009 assessed 1,178 cases. The Clinical Intervention Program provides crisis and short-term counseling for child victims and their non-offending family members free of charge and without a waiting list. The 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 services provided by the Child Protection Team include medical exams and consultations, and forensic interviews.

For additional information about the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard, visit www.cacbrevard.org.

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