



## News Release

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### **Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard Elects New Officers**

*Brevard County*—The Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard elected its officers for 2011 at the December 14 meeting, naming Randall Coleman as President. Coleman is Vice President, Global Wealth Management, Merrill Lynch. Elected as Vice President is Kimberly Gwiazda, Victim Witness Counselor, Office of the State Attorney, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit; Secretary is immediate past President Helene Sanford, SPHR. Sanford is Director of Human Resources and Compensation with Intersil Corporation. Elected for another term as Treasurer is Donald Hemmenway, who is an Engineering Manager at Intersil Corporation. The Board created the new position of Vice President of Fundraising, and elected two directors to share the position: Community volunteers Delores Spearman and Peta Adovasio.

Also serving on the Friends Board are: David Brock, President/CEO, Community Credit Union of Florida; Maxwell King, Ed.D., Community Volunteer and Retired College President; Jessie Das Kirk, Owner of Kirk Realty in Titusville, Vicki Rios-Martinez, Community Volunteer; Diane Scott, Director of Child Welfare, Intervention Services; Annmarie Waite, MSN, ARNP, an Adjunct Faculty member at Florida Tech; Kenneth Whittaker, CPA/PFS, CFP, CLU/ChFC, Branch Manager, Raymond James Financial Services, Whittaker Cooper Financial Group; and Norman Wolfinger, State Attorney, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit. Sheriff Jack Parker is an Advisory member of the Board.

The Friends Board 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.

Established in 1996, Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard (CACB) 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 2009-2010, there were 1,232 cases assessed at the Advocacy Center. 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 onsite services provided by the Child Protection Team include medical exams, medical consultations, and specialized and forensic interviews. The CACB Clinical Intervention Program (CIP) provides crisis and short-term counseling for child victims and their non-offending family members. New this year with CIP is the Stabilization in Placement program, which provides assessment of needs and referral for interventions to ensure stability of placement when a child is removed from their caregiver.

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](http://www.cacbrevard.org), or call 637-7652.

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