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Families Benefit from Extreme Generosity at the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard

Brevard County, Fla.— Eight families served by the Clinical Intervention Program at the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard will have an especially bountiful Christmas this year thanks to employees of the Brevard County Tax Collector's Office, Dr. Martin Megregian's dental office, and Intersil Corp.

The Brevard County Tax Collector's Office adopted a CIP family for the first time this year. Tax Collector Lisa Cullen explained that she was so moved at what she learned at the Advocacy Center's recent Open House that she knew employees would want to support the Center. "What you do is amazing. It was an honor to get to do this for the children."

"They arrived at the Advocacy Center with a van packed full of gifts for the eight children and even provided for the grandparents," said Charles Biehl, Director of the Children's Advocacy Center and Child Protection Team. "The generosity of the employees in the Tax Collector's Office is truly an example of extreme giving. The family is overwhelmed and very grateful that people they don't even know would do this for them."

It is also a first for the Merritt Island dental office of Dr. Megregian, according to Business Office Manager Tammy Jones. "Typically we do a gift exchange at the office but decided this year, especially with the economy the way it is and some people having hard times, we wanted to do something for someone else rather than for ourselves."

Intersil Corp., located in Palm Bay, actually started the gift-giving program many years ago. "Even with the economy as it is, the generosity of these employees hasn't wavered," said Biehl. "I just wish they could see the faces of the families when they come to pick up their gifts. It's an emotional time that words cannot adequately describe."

"In all, more than 100 employees contributed to the program this year," said Helene Sanford, Director of Human Resources and Compensation at Intersil. Sanford is also President of the Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard. "I am proud to say that Intersil employees are some of the most generous in the county. Even though we were shopping for items on a list for children we will never know, it was meaningful to us because we know these children are going through a rough time in their lives and we were able to bring them a little happiness."

Intersil Corporation is a global technology leader specializing in the design and manufacture of high performance analog semiconductors. Additional information is available at www.intersil.com.

Biehl noted that it is a nice change for Advocacy Center staff to be involved in bringing joy to children of abuse rather than collecting the sometimes gruesome but always sad details of a child's maltreatment. "The individuals at these organizations are making us happy, too, by donating all these gifts to these children and their families."

Established in 1996, the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard is a nonprofit organization affiliated with Wuesthoff Health Services. Advocacy Center partners are involved in the most difficult cases in Brevard County, including cases of child sexual or severe physical abuse, and neglect. 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. The CACB Clinical Intervention Program provides immediate mental

health crisis counseling for child victims and their non-offending family members. Major onsite services provided by the Child Protection Team include medical exams, medical consultations, and specialized and forensic interviews.

Visit the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard's website at www.cacbrevard.org.

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Photo captions

Tax Collector Lisa Cullen and Children's Advocacy Center Clinical Intervention Coordinator Terri Williamson with gifts for a CIP family donated by employees from six branches of Tax Collector's Office.



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Children's Advocacy Center Clinical Intervention Coordinator Mary Bratsen (left) with two of the more than 100 Intersil employees who donated gifts to six CIP families. (Middle) Intersil's Robin Francis, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President, Operations and (right) Susan Umberger, Human Resources Administration.

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Tammy Jones, Business Office Manager for Dr. Megregian's Merritt Island dental office.



Tammy Jones with Mary Bratsen, Clinical Intervention Coordinator at the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard.