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Two Boards of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard Announce Changes

Brevard County— The Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard recently elected Assistant State Attorney Andrew Pickett to its Board, and the Operations Advisory Board elected new officers.

Andrew Pickett represents a long line of volunteers from the Office of the State Attorney, 18th Judicial Circuit, serving on the Friends Board. He was nominated by veteran Board Director and current Vice President, Kim Gwiazda, who is a Victim Witness Counselor with the State Attorney's Office. Pickett was also endorsed by State Attorney Norman Wolfinger, a founding member and now advisor to the Board.

Explaining her reasons for the nomination, Gwiazda said, "Andrew was looking for a way to further serve the Brevard community, and was especially interested in helping children. The Advocacy Center is a perfect fit for his interests and energy."

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. In addition to Gwiazda and Wolfinger, also serving on the Friends Board are: President: Randall Coleman, Merrill Lynch; Secretary: Helene Sanford, SPHR, Director of Human Resources and Compensation at Intersil Corporation; Treasurer: Don Hemmenway, Engineering Manager at Intersil; Vice Presidents of Fundraising: Community volunteers Delores Spearman and Peta Adovasio; 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 with Intervention Services, Inc.; Annmarie Waite, MSN, ARNP, with Florida Tech; and Kenneth Whittaker, CPA/PFS, CFP, CLU/ChFC, Branch Manager, Raymond James Financial Services, Whittaker Cooper Financial Group. Sheriff Jack Parker is an Advisory member.

The Operations Advisory Board is a group charged with developing and maintaining a multidisciplinary response to allegations of child abuse and neglect in Brevard County. The Advisory board elected as its officers for fiscal year 2011-2012 the following individuals: Chair: Jeanie Bondy, Child Protection Team Casework Supervisor; Vice Chair: Catherine Barmore, Ph.D., Licensed Mental Health Counselor; Secretary: Kimberly DelGaudio, Circuit Director, Guardian ad Litem Program. Other members of the Board are: Andrea Alford, Director, Office of District and School Security, Brevard Public Schools; Lt. Tod Goodyear, Supervisor, Criminal Investigations Division, Brevard County Sheriff's Office; John Hubbard, Supervising Attorney, Department of Children and Families; Julia Lynch, Assistant State Attorney, Sex Crimes/Child Abuse Unit, Office of the State Attorney, 18th Judicial Circuit; Phebe Powell, Operations Administrator, Department of Children and Families; and Mary Ellen Stockett, M.D., Medical Director for the Child Protection Team and a pediatrician with Pediatrics in Brevard.

The Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard is managed by the Space Coast Health Foundation and is a multi-agency collaboration of child welfare professionals who intervene in the most severe cases of physical child abuse and neglect in Brevard, including all child sexual abuse cases. For additional information, visit the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard's website at www.cacbrevard.org, or call 637-7652.

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