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### **Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard Elect John Mellick to Board**

*Brevard County*— The Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard recently elected Lieutenant John Mellick as a new Board Director. Lt. Mellick is the supervisor of the Career Development Unit with the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, and life-long resident of Brevard County.

"I am excited about contributing my time and abilities to support the Children's Advocacy Center because I was looking for an organization that helps child victims," explained Mellick. "The Sheriff's Office works well with the CACB as one of the organization's partner agencies, so the Advocacy Center is a very good fit for me."

Mellick is a classroom and high liability instructor for Brevard Community College's Institute of Public Safety. He started his 25-year Sheriff's Office career as a patrol deputy in the Cape Canaveral precinct, eventually working in every precinct. He has also worked with the Special Investigations Division and the SWAT Team.

Mellick holds a bachelor's degree in Public Administration from the University of Central Florida. His wife, Stacy, is a Brevard County school teacher, and they have teenaged children, a son and a daughter.

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 funds to support the mission of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard. In addition to Mellick, Board Directors are:

President: Randall Coleman, Merrill Lynch

Vice President: Kimberly Gwiazda, Victim Witness Counselor, Office of the State Attorney, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit

Secretary: Helene Sanford, SPHR, Director of Human Resources and Compensation, Intersil Corporation

Treasurer: Don Hemmenway, Engineering Manager, Intersil Corporation

Vice Presidents of Fundraising: Delores Spearman and Peta Adovasio, Community Volunteers

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

Andrew Pickett, Assistant State Attorney, Office of the State Attorney, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit

Vicki Rios-Martinez, Community Volunteer

Diane Scott, Director of Child Welfare, Intervention Services, Inc.

Annamarie Waite, MSN, ARNP, Florida Tech

Kenneth Whittaker, CPA/PFS, CFP, CLU/ChFC, Branch Manager, Raymond James Financial Services,

Whittaker Cooper Financial Group

Sheriff Jack Parker, Advisory Member

State Attorney Norman Wolfinger, Advisory Member

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 all child sexual abuse cases, as well as the most severe cases of physical child abuse and neglect. For more information, visit the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard's website at [www.cacbrevard.org](http://www.cacbrevard.org), or call 637-7652.

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