



**Brevard C.A.R.E.S.
Board Report February 2017**

Strengthening Families...Whatever It Takes!

January 2017

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Brevard Family Partnership Senior Executive of Administration and Brevard C.A.R.E.S. Executive Director attended the Florida Coalition for Children Rally in Tally the week of January 9th. During the visit we met with Representative Thad Altman, Representative Rene "Coach P" Plasencia, Representative Randy Fine, and Senator Debbie Mayfield at "Rally in Tally" last week to bring awareness to issues facing the child welfare system.

In October 2016, Brevard C.A.R.E.S. applied for funding for Cribs for Kids through the Walmart Foundation 2016 Community Grant Program. Each Walmart/Sams Club location has foundation funds to benefit the facility's service area. Brevard C.A.R.E.S. applied to five facilities for the maximum grant of \$2,500. On January 18th, we received a check in the amount of \$2,500 from Walmart on behalf of the Titusville Walmart Supercenter for the purchase of 34 Graco Pack and Plays.

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The Space Coast Health Foundation Pickett Responsive Grant reviewed our submission for \$20,000 in funding to support our Mobile Response Team and invited us to submit the full application. The full application was completed on January 20th. The next step is for the Space Coast Health Foundation Board will review the application and consider funding the request. (If you have contacts with Space Coast Health Foundation I would ask your assistance in advocating for our agency. Space Coast Health Foundation Board members and leadership include: James Dwight/Chair, Bill Bancoft/Vice Chair, Linda Dale/Treasurer, Fran Pickett/Board Member, Patrice Pilate/Board member, Tricia Romesberg/Board member, Adam Bird/Board member, Khalid Yasin/Consultant, Johnette Gindling/Executive Director, Dawn Hannon/Chief Financial Officer, and Donna Larson/Operations Director.)

Respectfully Submitted,
Phebe Powell
Executive Director