

**IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**FRIENDS OF ABUSED CHILDREN, INC.  
RECEPTION AND SILENT AUCTION ON MARCH 5**



West Palm Beach, FL -- On Thursday, March 5, 2009, Friend of Abused Children, Inc. (Friends) will hold their annual Cocktail Reception and Silent Auction. The event will be underwritten and hosted by Julie and Howard Rudolph of Palm Beach.

Attendance is by invitation only and the price per ticket is \$100. The evening includes entertainment, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. One hundred percent of funds raised during the event will go directly to Friends.

Friends of Abused Children, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the 1,698 children who are in the State of Florida's dependent care system here in Palm Beach County. Founded in 1985, Friends provides financial assistance to guardians ad litem, caseworkers and foster families who need clothing, tutoring, emergency medical and dental care, computers, and baby supplies for the children in their care. In addition, Friends offers funding to help with college scholarships, enrichment activities such as

sports and music lessons, and sending children to summer camp and safety patrol in Washington D.C.

“We are thrilled to have the generous support of Howard and Julie Rudolph to underwrite the cost of this cocktail reception and silent auction,” said Friends’ Board President Laurie Briggs. “Their involvement and commitment to Friends and our non-profit organization will have a significant impact on the children in dependent care in Palm Beach County.”

“Friends of Abused Children, Inc. makes a big difference in the lives of the children we serve,” said host and sponsor Julie Rudolph. “These children have been removed from their homes due to incredible abuse whether it is sexual, physical or emotional. This event can really make a difference in their lives and we are proud to support it.”

Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, please call 561-659-5005 or visit Friends’ website at [www.friendspb.org](http://www.friendspb.org).