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THE CHILD GUIDANCE CENTER OF SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT RECEIVES \$25,000 FROM THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

STAMFORD, CT/February 28, 2011 – The Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut (CGC), a non-profit agency providing professional mental health services to children, adolescents, and their families, has received a \$25,000 general operating grant award from the Fairfield County Community Foundation (FCCF).

“CGC applauds the Fairfield County Community Foundation’s focus and unwavering effort to help provide continuity and excellence in the nonprofit sector in our community.” said CGC Executive Director Sherry Perlstein. “With diminishing public and private sector resources due to a prolonged environment of economic challenges, general operating support is pivotal in CGC’s ability to focus on capacity building over the next year in order to continue to meet the intensifying mental health needs of local children and families.”

Additionally, CGC received a second year grant of \$10,000 from a Donor Advised Fund which receives philanthropy advisory services from the Fairfield County Community Foundation. The grant will support the implementation of an Integrated Technology Management System (ITMS) at CGC.

“The challenges of the recent recession continue to reverberate throughout our region, particularly impacting those most in need,” said Susan Ross, FCCF President & CEO. “The strength and health of Fairfield County relies on a community of robust and responsive nonprofits, including the Child Guidance Center, which offer programs bringing help to families who can least afford these critical services.”

The Fairfield County Community Foundation promotes the growth of community and regional philanthropy to improve the quality of life throughout Fairfield County. Individuals, families, corporations, and organizations can establish charitable funds and contribute to existing funds. The Foundation also provides philanthropic advisory services and developments and leads initiatives to tackle critical community issues. The Foundation has awarded \$123 million in grants to nonprofits in Fairfield County and beyond. For more information, please visit www.fccfoundation.org.

The Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut is a non-profit mental health resource, serving children and teenagers in Stamford, Greenwich, Darien and New Canaan, both self referred and through referrals from schools, physicians, courts, and public and private human service agencies. CGC's clinical staff of psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, and marriage and family therapists work with more than 2,000 children annually, providing culturally competent and sensitive care to families representative of the rich ethnic mix of communities CGC serves. Preventative services are provided to youngsters, parents, and professionals through community education and consultation programs. Incorporated in 1954, CGC is supported by the Connecticut Department of Children & Families, Connecticut Office of Victim Crime Services, United Ways of Greenwich and Western Connecticut. CGC is a beneficiary of generous individual, foundation, and corporate contributions. www.childguidancect.org

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