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The Child Guidance Center receives \$65,000 from The Community Fund of Darien

DARIEN, CT/September 6, 2011 – The Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut (CGC), a local non-profit mental health resource, received a \$65,000 grant award from The Community Fund of Darien to support professional mental health services for local children and adolescents in Darien, Stamford, Greenwich, and New Canaan.

The Community Fund of Darien is an independent, local, volunteer-driven, not-for-profit organization that addresses health and human service needs.

“Celebrating 60 years of providing support to a broad spectrum of issues, our panel members carefully assessed each agency, recognizing its important role in assuring TFC donors’ dollars are wisely and responsibly distributed to have the greatest impact. The Child Guidance Center’s programs and services exemplify the direct impact funding will have in strengthening our community and we are proud to award the Center with an increased allocation this year,” explains TCF Executive Director Kiki Karpen.

As resources diminish, support from community partners such as The Community Fund of Darien becomes increasingly essential to ensure timely, comprehensive services. Last year, CGC experienced a 62% increase in new referrals from Darien.

“Each year more and more children and teens are coming to CGC for professional mental health treatment services.” explains CGC Executive Director Sherry Perlstein. “CGC truly appreciates The Community Fund of Darien’s recognition of the increased demand for our services and the crucial role community support plays in our ability to address this intensifying local need.”

The Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut (CGC) 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 other clinicians 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, and the United Way. CGC is a beneficiary of generous individual, foundation, and corporate contributions. www.childguidancect.org

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Photos (courtesy of Lisa Stout, The Community Fund of Darien):



Left: Sherry Perlstein, Executive Director, Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut. Right: Kiki Karpen, Executive Director, The Community Fund of Darien.