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UBS Awards \$10,000 to the Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut

STAMFORD, CT/February 3, 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 \$10,000 grant award from UBS to support ‘Fostering Healthy Development and School Success’ in CGC’s Child, Adolescent, and Family Therapy program.

Recognizing the strong tie between a child’s healthy emotional development, the capacity to learn, and future functioning as a productive member of society, CGC is dedicated to maintaining strong relationships with local schools to provide effective coordinated mental health services. Last year, approximately 31% of the children referred to CGC suffered from academic functioning problems and 22% of the children were referred to CGC by a school, preschool, or daycare.

Directly aligned with UBS’ mission to advance and encourage the abilities of youth to become happy, healthy, and productive adults, CGC is committed to helping children and adolescents achieve optimal potential by fostering the development of the inner resources required to chart their course through life.

“CGC is proud to partner with UBS to promote healthy functioning and school success. This grant award emphasizes the link between a child’s capacity to learn and the ability to thrive as an adult, and that mental health is interconnected with all aspects of a child’s well-being and development, including academic functioning,” states Sherry Perlstein, CGC’s Executive Director.

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 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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