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**CHILD GUIDANCE CENTER ANNOUNCES**  
**2009 COME PLAY! GALA CO-CHAIRS**

STAMFORD, CT/December XX, 2008 – The Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut (CGC) has announced that Alexandra Godfrey Walko, Kenda McDonnell, Laura Weintraub Beck, and Dr. Amy Zabin will serve as the co-chairs of the Steering Committee for its 2009 *Come Play!...It's Field Day* Gala. CGC board members Paul Hampel of Old Greenwich and Sallyan Zenko of Rowayton will also serve on the committee.

Greenwich resident Alexandra Godfrey Walko works as the sales and marketing coordinator for JMW Consultants Inc. in Stamford. Kenda McDonnell of New Canaan serves as the marketing manager for Cummings & Lockwood LLC in Stamford and is also a member of the firm's administrative management committee. Laura Weintraub Beck is a Principal resident in the Greenwich, Conn., office of Cummings & Lockwood LLC, where she is a member of the Private Clients Group practicing in the area of Trusts and Estates. Dr. Amy Zabin is a music therapist who currently has a private practice in Greenwich and provides consultations to Greenwich, Stamford and Norwalk Hospitals. McDonnell, Beck and Zabin are all CGC board members.

“As in year's past, the field day theme helps to make our annual gala a playful and unique event, while reinforcing the agency's mission to restore childhood for those children who struggle with mental health issues,” said CGC Executive Director Sherry Perlstein. “We are grateful for the energy and creativity of our steering committee, who are excited to help bring the “come play” theme to life for another successful and memorable event.”

*Come Play!...It's Field Day* Gala will be held at Roger Sherman Baldwin Park in Greenwich on Saturday, May 9, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. The event will include a cocktail reception

and dinner catered by Abigail Kirsch, music provided by James Daniel, dancing and live and silent auctions. The proceeds will benefit the CGC's mental health programs for children, teens and families in Stamford, Greenwich, Darien and New Canaan.

For more information on the event or to become a patron or sponsor, please call 203-517-3320 or visit <http://www.childguidancect.org/events.htm>.

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, courts, human service agencies, and physicians. The CGC's clinical staff of psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, and marriage and family therapists work with more than 2,100 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 public education and consultation programs. Incorporated in 1954, the CGC is supported by the Connecticut Department of Children & Families, Connecticut Office of Victim Crime Service and United Ways of Western Connecticut, Greenwich, and New Canaan, The Community Fund of Darien as well as generous individual, foundation, and corporate contributions.

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