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**CGC RECEIVES \$25,000 FROM FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

STAMFORD, CT/January 25, 2008 – The Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut (CGC), a non-profit agency providing professional mental health services to children, teenagers, and their families, has received a \$25,000 grant from the Fairfield County Community Foundation. The grant will provide partial support for a Quality Improvement/Quality Assurance (QIA) Director, who will work in collaboration with senior management to develop, implement and oversee a comprehensive QIA program.

“As the number of youngsters referred to us now exceeds 2,100 annually and this number continues to grow, it is essential that we develop more sophisticated systems for managing and analyzing clinical data, measuring the effectiveness of our services, and assuring compliance with best practice standards,” said CGC Executive Director Sherry Perlstein. “We are extraordinarily grateful to the Fairfield County Community Foundation for their investment in ensuring that families who turn to CGC for help will be assured that their children will benefit from state of the art 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 Community Foundation also provides philanthropic advisory services and developments and leads initiatives to tackle critical community issues. It is in compliance with the Council on Foundations’ national standards for community foundations. The Fairfield County Community Foundation merged with the Greater Bridgeport Area Foundation in January 2008. The merged foundation’s net assets approach \$150 million. The combined history

includes over \$90 million in grant making to nonprofits in Fairfield County and beyond. For more information, please visit [www.fccfoundation.org](http://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. 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 the CGC serves. Preventive services are provided to youngsters, parents, and professionals through community education and consultation programs.

Recognized by the state for the excellence of its services, the CGC was selected to provide 24 hour Emergency Mobile Crisis Services, and has been designated as an Enhanced Care Clinic under the state's new Behavioral Health System. Incorporated in 1954, the CGC is supported by the Connecticut Department of Children & Families, Connecticut Office of Victim Services 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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