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CHILD GUIDANCE CENTER RECEIVES \$10,000 FROM FIRST COUNTY BANK FOUNDATION

STAMFORD, CT/June 30, 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 \$10,000 grant from the First County Bank Foundation, Inc.

The grant will provide support for CGC’s Emergency Mobile Crisis Services program that offers immediate mental health assessment and crisis stabilization services to children and adolescents with serious psychiatric symptoms or reactions to traumatic events. The program focuses on youth suicide prevention and provides round-the-clock mobile services to stabilize emergencies at home, school and in the community.

“We are profoundly grateful for this funding, which will help extend our ability to respond to emergencies and traumatic events and help children and families when they need it most,” said CGC Executive Director Sherry Perlstein.

The First County Bank Foundation, Inc. was established in 2001 by First County Bank. The mission of the Foundation is to distribute funds annually to local non-profit organizations that support community and economic development or children, youth and families. The funds granted by the Foundation are to benefit the residents of the Bank’s community, which consists of Stamford, Greenwich, New Canaan, Darien, Westport, and Norwalk.

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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Photo Caption: Sherry Perlstein, Executive Director of the Child Guidance Center of South Connecticut, with Thomas L. Bertram, President of First County Bank, at the First County Bank Foundation's grant award ceremony.