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**CHILD GUIDANCE CENTER CRISIS SERVICES SUPPORTED WITH \$10,000 FROM FIRST COUNTY BANK FOUNDATION**

STAMFORD, CT/July 14, 2009 – The Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut (CGC), a non-profit mental health resource serving children and adolescents from Stamford, Greenwich, Darien and New Canaan, has received a \$10,000 grant from 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 and violence prevention and provides round-the-clock mobile services to stabilize emergencies at home, school and in the community.

“We are deeply grateful for the continued support shown by First County Bank Foundation,” said CGC Executive Director Sherry Perlstein. “Their longstanding commitment to local charitable needs is a testament to their dedication to the community.”

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, 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 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 United Ways of Western Connecticut and Greenwich, The Community Fund of Darien, and New Canaan Community Foundation, as well as generous individual, foundation, and corporate contributions. [www.childguidancect.org](http://www.childguidancect.org)

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