

CHILD GUIDANCE CENTER EXPANDS; ADDS SECOND STAMFORD OFFICE

STAMFORD, CT/March 22, 2007 – The Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut, a non-profit mental health resource serving children, teenagers and their families, is pleased to announce the opening of a second Stamford office located at 196 Greyrock Place.

“Over the years, there has been an increased demand for professional mental health services and we have expanded to meet that need,” said Sherry Perlstein, executive director of the Child Guidance Center. “Since 2000, we have opened community offices in Darien (2002) and Greenwich (2004), while continuing to maintain a community office in New Canaan. Now, to better serve the Stamford community, we have expanded from one site to two.”

The new office at Greyrock Place will be home to the Emergency Mobile Crisis Services, Lower Fairfield County Child Sexual Abuse Response Team and portions of the Child, Adolescent and Family Therapy Program. With more direct access to public transportation, the new location will become the organization’s headquarters and also include the offices of the executive director and development staff. The West Broad Street location will continue to house many programs, primarily clinical services.

“The generosity of local corporations and individuals, the United Way, Community Fund of Darien and other area foundations have helped support the services that CGC provides,” said John Raffaelli, CGC Chairman. “With this expansion, development will continue to be an important factor in sustaining increased services as well as our ability to meet the growing needs of the community.”

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 services agencies, and physicians. The CGC’s clinical staff of psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, and marriage and family therapists work with more than 2,000 area 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 Services and United Ways of Greenwich, New Canaan and Stamford, the Community Fund of Darien as well as generous individual, foundation, and corporate contributions.

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