

To the Editor:

As the Child Guidance Center strives to make our services readily available in Greenwich to every child and adolescent who is hampered by emotional problems or traumatic life circumstances, we are grateful to the BET for their approval of a grant to support our work. We appreciate the commitment Commissioner Victoria Anyikwa has demonstrated for professional mental health services for children through her endorsement of this grant.

The grant will support a broad range of mental health diagnostic and treatment services provided at our Greenwich office, located at 23 Benedict Place. It also helps sustain our 24 hour emergency mobile crisis services that bring our clinicians into families' homes, schools and other community sites, to stabilize high risk situations including threats of suicide or violence.

We are mindful of the investment the town of Greenwich has made in the Child Guidance Center. We are committed to strengthening our long standing relationships with the Department of Social Services, local schools, police and other community agencies to achieve integrated and effective delivery of services.

We will work to prove worthy of the community's confidence by helping youngsters prevail against the demons of mental illness, emotional instability and difficult or disastrous life circumstances. We are dedicated to restoring to every youngster the foundation for healthy development: a childhood filled with the wonder of discovery, the pride of mastery, the pleasure of friendship and the security of a loving home.

Sincerely,

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