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CHILD GUIDANCE CENTER RECEIVES \$15,000 FROM NEAR & FAR AID ASSOCIATION

STAMFORD, CT/February 11, 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 \$15,000 grant from Near & Far Aid Association.

The grant, over two years, 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.

Near & Far Aid Association is a volunteer organization that annually raises and distributes funds to highly qualified non-profit agencies which address the causes and effects of poverty. These can include lack of education, hunger, domestic and substance abuse, mental illness and disability, teen pregnancy, crime, and psychological issues. Near & Far Aid annually raises funds through donations, the event subscription program “First Families,” and four fundraising events: Golf Classic, the Spring Gala at Mitchell’s, Designer House Tour & Preview Party, and Polo Classic. For more information, visit www.nearandfar.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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