

## **THE PERRIN FAMILY FOUNDATION AWARDS \$10,000 TO CHILD GUIDANCE CENTER**

STAMFORD, CT/November 7, 2006 – The Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut, a non-profit mental health resource serving children, teenagers and their families, has received a \$10,000 donation from the Perrin Family Foundation. This donation will support the agency’s Crime Victims & Community Policing Partnership Program.

The Crime Victims & Community Policing Partnership Program provides 24-hour outreach to witnesses and victims of crime as well as to children and parents who have been identified as high-risk by local police. The goals for the partnership are to: alleviate emotional consequences of crime and other traumatic events for these children and their families; reduce the negative impact that crime and violence can have on a child’s future development; and decrease the likelihood that young people exposed to violence will become perpetrators of violence themselves.

“The Perrin Family Foundation is proud to offer our continued support to the Child Guidance Center, an organization whose goals are consistent with our own,” said Sheila Perrin, president of the Perrin Family Foundation. “Through this donation, we are supporting a program that can make immediate changes in the lives of children and their families as well as act as a catalyst for social change.”

Founded in 1994, the mission of the Perrin Family Foundation is to encourage and support equal opportunities for children and young adults to lead safe, productive and creative lives. The Foundation, based in Ridgefield, Connecticut, focuses on social change by providing grants to non-profit organizations seeking to make a difference through adult advocacy and youth activism within the state of Connecticut. Additionally, it supports social services by working with agencies that provide: physical and mental health services for children; after-school programming; parenting and workforce preparation skills; expansion of literacy; creation of artistic experiences; and the promotion of environmental education. For additional information, please view the website at [www.perrinfamilyfoundation.org](http://www.perrinfamilyfoundation.org).

The Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut is a non-profit mental health resource, serving children and teenagers in Stamford, Darien, New Canaan, and Greenwich through referrals from schools, courts, human service agencies, and physicians. 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 approximately 1,000 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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