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The Courage to Speak Foundation Receives Fairfield County Community Foundation Grant

The Courage to Speak Foundation is pleased to announce the receipt of a \$5,000 grant from the Fairfield County Community Foundation (FCCF) Financial Management Fund. This funding will support the organization's efforts to institutionalize the accounting and bookkeeping functions and build its infrastructure to complement the agency's drug prevention program expansion.

"We are grateful to be the recipient of this generous grant from the Fairfield County Community Foundation," said Ginger Katz, founder and CEO of the Courage to Speak Foundation. "This gift will allow us to continue to build our financial management capacity in support of our rapidly expanding drug prevention education programs that provide real life tools to help students and parents face and avoid drug abuse."

The Courage to Speak Foundation was founded in 1996, shortly after Ginger Katz lost her son, Ian, to a drug overdose. Its mission is to save lives by empowering youth to be drug free and encouraging parents to communicate effectively with their children about dangers of drugs. The Foundation works with experts in the prevention field and developed the *Courage To Speak Drug Prevention Education Curricula* for elementary, middle and high schools taught in many Norwalk and Bridgeport schools and *Courage to Speak - Courageous Parenting 101™*, a free course that educates parents on how to keep their children safe from drugs.

Ms. Katz authored the book *Sunny's Story*, which tells her son Ian's story through the eyes and heart of Sunny, their family beagle. *Sunny's Story*, a drug prevention book for children of all ages, parents and educators is in libraries, schools and read in classrooms throughout the country. For more information about the Courage to Speak Foundation please visit www.couragetospeak.org or call 203-831-9700.

The Fairfield County Community Foundation promotes the growth of community and regional philanthropy to improve the quality of life throughout Fairfield County. Individuals, families, corporations, and organization can establish charitable funds and contribute to existing funds. The Foundation also provides philanthropic advisory service and develops and leads initiatives to tackle critical community issues. The Foundation has awarded over \$110 million in grants to nonprofits in Fairfield Country and beyond. For more information visit www.fccfoundation.org.

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