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## **The Courage to Speak Foundation**

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### **FCCF AWARDS COURAGE TO SPEAK FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE**

Charles Yost, chairman of the board of directors of The Courage to Speak Foundation, and Ginger Katz, founder and CEO of The Courage to Speak Foundation, have announced receipt of their second annual financial management assistance grant in the amount of \$2,500 from Fairfield County Community Foundation, for a total of \$7,500 over two years.

The two awards from Fairfield County Community Foundation are part of an initiative to help local nonprofit charitable organizations enhance and improve their financial management. In the case of The Courage to Speak Foundation, the award is supporting an audit for the second consecutive year, as well as financial management consultation, in preparation for anticipated rapid growth of its substance abuse prevention education programs and revenues in the next few years.

Charles Yost said: All of us at Courage to Speak are pleased with this continuing funding for our audit and financial management systems, as we gear up for major federal funding and growth in our substance abuse prevention education programs here in Fairfield County and throughout Connecticut.

Ginger Katz added: Courage to Speak is poised for rapid growth of its programs, particularly our new five-session parent education program in collaboration with other community organizations, as well as our elementary school programs using our children's book, *Sunny's Story*. We are grateful to Fairfield County Community for its continuing support and faith in our capabilities.

The Courage to Speak Foundation is a nonprofit charitable organization devoted to saving lives by empowering children and youth to live drug free and by empowering parents to communicate effectively and honestly with their children on drugs and other life concerns. The agency has reached over 500,000 people in more than 1,000 presentations nationwide in the past 11 years. For information, call 1-877-431-3295 or visit [www.couragetospeak.org](http://www.couragetospeak.org).

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 organizations can establish charitable funds and contribute to existing funds. The Foundation also provides philanthropic advisory services and develops and leads initiatives to tackle critical community issues. It is in compliance with the Council on Foundations national standards for community foundations. The Fairfield County Community Foundation merged with the Greater Bridgeport Area Foundation in January 2008. The merged Foundation's net assets approach \$150 million. The combined history includes over \$90 million in grant-making to nonprofit's in Fairfield County and beyond. For more information, visit [www.fccfoundation.org](http://www.fccfoundation.org).

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