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THE CHILDREN'S CENTER ON FAMILY VIOLENCE RECEIVES \$50,000 GRANT FROM VERIZON WIRELESS

HARTFORD, Conn. – Connecticut Children's Medical Center is proud to announce that one of its newest programs, **The Children's Center on Family Violence** (the Center), has just received generous support from **Verizon Wireless** to further its mission to improve outcomes for children exposed to family violence.

The Center, a partnership between Connecticut Children's Medical Center and the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV), is a newly established program that is the first of its kind in the nation. The **\$50,000 grant from Verizon**, awarded to CCADV to benefit the Center, will enable the Center to test and refine strategies that show potential for being replicated statewide and nationally.

"The Center provides a unique approach that will make an impact in better shaping the lives of children affected by family violence," said Karen Jarmoc, CEO of CCADV and co-director of the Center. "Verizon's investment will allow us to establish an infrastructure to support ongoing strategies for strengthening policy and to undertake key research to develop a strong evidence base in the field of family violence prevention."

"Verizon is committed to domestic violence prevention, and to helping organizations that support victims and survivors," said Kevin Zavaglia, Verizon Wireless Northeast Market President. "The Children's Center on Family Violence is an exceptional support program, and we are honored to be involved in their work and making a difference in the lives of children in need."

There is growing evidence that children exposed to family violence often face lifelong negative consequences, including physical and psychological health impairments that compromise their optimal development and limit potential for productive futures. The Center's goals include improving service systems for affected families, which currently often do not utilize best practices, and enhancing research efforts for child-focused interventions, where it is widely recognized that the evidence base is currently inadequate. The Center also plans to establish a statewide family violence information system to gather data, identify trends, and track progress over time.

"We are thrilled that Verizon recognizes the importance of our Center and its work," said Nina Livingston, MD, the medical director of the Connecticut Children's Suspected

Child Abuse and Neglect program and co-director of the Center. “Through our Center’s work, we are confident we will have a measurable impact on the outcomes of children who are exposed to family violence by improving services and making kids more resilient.”

In addition to providing this grant, Verizon also contributed an earlier grant that made it possible for the Center to develop a business plan with assistance from a nationally recognized consultant.

The Center is part of the Connecticut Children’s Office for Community Child Health, which is dedicated to promoting optimal healthy development for all children.



Shown in photo (left to right): Karen Jarmoc, co-director of The Children’s Center on Family Violence; Richard Hunter, director of retail sales at Verizon Wireless; and Nina Livingston, MD, co-director of The Children’s Center on Family Violence. The three gathered together at Connecticut Children’s in celebration of the new grant.

About Connecticut Children’s Medical Center

Connecticut Children's Medical Center is a nationally recognized, 187-bed not-for-profit children's hospital serving as the primary teaching hospital for UConn School of Medicine. Connecticut Children's is the only free-standing children's hospital in Connecticut that offers comprehensive, world-class health care to children; pediatric services are available at Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford and at Saint Mary's Hospital in Waterbury, with neonatal intensive care units at Hartford Hospital and UConn Health, along with a state-of-the-art ambulatory surgery center, five specialty care centers and 11 other locations



across the state. Connecticut Children's has a medical staff of nearly 1,100 practicing in more than 20 specialties.

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Verizon

Verizon Communications Inc. (NYSE, Nasdaq: VZ), headquartered in New York City, has a diverse workforce of nearly 162,700 and generated nearly \$132 billion in 2015 revenues. Verizon operates America's most reliable wireless network, with 113.2 million retail connections nationwide. The company also provides communications and entertainment services over mobile broadband and the nation's premier all-fiber network, and delivers integrated business solutions to customers worldwide.

Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Inc. is a membership organization made up of the state's 18 domestic violence organizations. Help is available to victims 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Each organization offers free services to victims including a toll-free hotline, safety through shelter, counseling and support groups, and by assisting in securing a restraining order. If you or someone you know needs support, call the statewide, free and confidential hotline at **888.774.2900 (English)** or **844.831.9200 (Español)** to be connected to your local domestic violence organization. For more information, visit www.ctcadv.org.

Connecticut Children's Office for Community Child Health

Connecticut Children's Office for Community Child Health serves as a coordinating entity for the Medical Center's community-oriented programs and as an incubator for innovative models that strengthen the community child health system and enhance children's optimal healthy development. The Office currently oversees thirteen community-oriented programs, including the Help Me Grow® (HMG) National Center and Easy Breathing©. Both HMG, which promotes early detection and connection to services for children at risk for developmental and behavioral problems through a centralized telephone access point, and Easy Breathing©, a community-based asthma management program, were piloted in Hartford before being scaled up and adopted in many states. The Office for Community Child Health extends the impact of such innovative programs regionally and nationally through the creation of replicable, evidence-informed models of care. For more information, visit www.connecticutchildrens.org/community-child-health.