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Mattei Named Development and Communications Chief at The Governor's Prevention Partnership

Hartford, CT (January 5, 2006) – Stephen Ristau, president and chief executive officer of The Governor's Prevention Partnership today announced the appointment of Michele (Mickey) Mattei as the partnership's director of development and communications.

The Governor's Prevention Partnership is a public-private partnership formed in 1989. It is a unique alliance between state government and business leaders with a mission to keep Connecticut's youth safe, successful and drug-free. Today it is the only statewide organization focused exclusively on prevention and is among the state's largest organizations dedicated to preventing alcohol and drug use among youth, and combating violence in schools.

"We're thrilled to welcome Mickey on board," said Ristau. "She is bright, talented, energetic and a team player. Mickey comes well-qualified to her new post; she brings a wealth of experience and attributes that make her an outstanding addition to our leadership staff. She is a consummate professional who is devoted to family and community. We are truly pleased and delighted that she has chosen to join us."

Prior to assuming her new responsibilities, Mattei served for nearly nine years as director of development and marketing for The Connecticut Forum, a Hartford-based non-profit organization that presents high-profile community forums to "inform, challenge, entertain, inspire and build bridges" of understanding.

A long-time Windsor resident, Mattei previously served for ten years as director of the Northwest Park and Nature Center in Windsor, has been active in numerous civic and community organizations, and is a founder of SummerWind Performing Arts Center. She was honored by the Windsor Chamber of Commerce as the town's 2004 Citizen of the Year.

Mattei, a graduate of the University of Connecticut, also has experience in public relations, teaching and reporting. She and her husband, Ernie, are the parents of four children.

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