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### *Connecticut Mentoring Partnership Honors Corporations for Commitment to Mentoring Business Leaders Gather to Receive Awards at Statewide Event*

(Cromwell, CT) --The Connecticut Mentoring Partnership's fifth annual Corporate Honor Roll Breakfast in Cromwell was the scene as about 140 business leaders and educators from around the state recently gathered to be among those recognized as the Partnership's Corporate Honor Roll recipients.

More than 90 Connecticut corporations and businesses that have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to youth mentoring were inducted into the Connecticut Mentoring Corporate Honor Roll.

The Connecticut Mentoring Partnership, a program of The Governor's Prevention Partnership, assists businesses, schools, and community-based organizations to foster and support the growth and development of children through relationships with caring adults. The goals of the Connecticut Mentoring Partnership are to increase the number of mentoring relationships and to promote the quality and safety of mentoring programs. It is the state's leading source on school-business mentoring partnerships

Special Recognition awards were presented to state Senate President Pro Tempore Donald E. Williams, Jr., Speaker of the House James A. Amann, Senator Toni Nathaniel Harp, Senator Christopher S. Murphy, Representative Denise Merrill, and Representative Jack Malone for their leadership roles in the Connecticut General Assembly for their investment in promoting mentoring in Connecticut.

*The breakfast event featured Dr. Susan Weinberger as keynote speaker. Weinberger, an author and international consultant on mentoring, is the founder and president of the MENTOR CONSULTING GROUP based in Norwalk, Connecticut. Weinberger was a pioneer in designing and developing a one-on-one school-based mentoring program, the Norwalk Mentor Program, in the early 1980s and served as its director for 12 years. Her new book – released December 2005 – is titled Mentoring a Movement: My Personal Journey. It is the story of Susan Weinberger ("Dr. Mentor") as she travels along mentoring's greatest milestones and encounters the unforgettable and dedicated people who helped nurture this powerful movement.*

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*Established in 1989, The Governor's Prevention Partnership ([www.preventionworksct.org](http://www.preventionworksct.org)) is a non-profit, public-private partnership whose goal is to keep Connecticut kids drug-free, safe and successful by creating local programs that prevent youth substance abuse and violence.*

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*The Connecticut Mentoring Partnership (CMP), created in 1997, is a program of The Governor's Prevention Partnership that provides leadership, resources and training to schools, businesses, community and faith-based organizations throughout Connecticut to increase the number of mentoring programs and promote safe, quality mentoring relationships.*