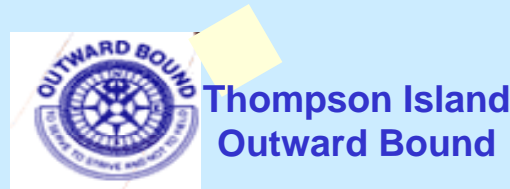


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↑ Co-winners of VLA Holiday Art Contest were entries by Stacey Leonard (top) and Wan Kelly Medina. See page 7.

THE BROWN RUDNICK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION CORP.

Making a significant contribution to inner-city education
and the quality of life
in Boston, Hartford, New York and Providence.



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The Foundation was created in 2000 by many of the present partners of the law firm of Brown Rudnick. It now receives contributions from individuals in the Firm and other external sources. The Foundation's primary mission is to address the educational and other needs of less enfranchised individuals and groups in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York and Rhode Island, through a full menu of giving which could combine financial support, volunteer efforts and the provision of pro bono legal representation.

As the result of a several month process involving the review of many responses to the Foundation's request for proposals, the Foundation is pleased to announce that for 2007 it has awarded 12 Relationship Grants in 4 cities, each focused on improving inner-city education.

For more information regarding the Foundation, please visit www.brownrudnickcenter.com

In 2006, the value of grants made by the Foundation (including cash grant awards and the value of pro bono legal representation provided in conjunction with Relationship Grants) was approximately **\$400,000.**



Foundation Director **Joel Reck** visits Boston's McCormack Middle School.

2007 FOUNDATION RELATIONSHIP GRANTS AWARDED

Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Relationship Grants are made annually to tax-exempt organizations from the responses to "Request of Proposals."

The grants provide funds for the improvement of inner-city education and are often coupled with pro bono legal representation and volunteer involvement coordinated through the Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest.

The Foundation has voted to award the following 12 grants for 2007:

- **REACH OUT & READ** (*Boston, Providence and New York*). Grant funds will purchase thousands of books for children, distributed by their physicians as part of regular pediatric care.
- **BOSTON MEDICAL CENTER** (*Boston*). Grant funds will support continuation of work for the 3rd year with Boston Medical Center's Medical Legal Partnership on the Building Bridges Project.
- **HATTIE B. COOPER COMMUNITY CENTER** (*Boston*). Grant funds will help this organization construct a playground for pre-school and after-school programs it provides in one of Boston's toughest neighborhoods.



- **CHILDREN'S MUSUEM** (*Hartford*). Grant funds will continue support for the Women in Science Girl Scout Camp-In Program.
- **CITIZEN SCHOOLS/DISCOVERING JUSTICE** (*Boston*). Grant funds will continue support for the Legal Apprentice Program (mock trials). Brown Rudnick has participated in this program twice a year since 1999.
- **VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS of MA** (*Boston*). Grant funds will continue the Holiday Art Card Contest and expand beyond that contest to start an Art Law Program teaching intellectual property in Boston public schools.

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2007 FOUNDATION RELATIONSHIP GRANTS AWARDED (continued)

- **THOMPSON ISLAND/OUTWARD BOUND** (*Boston*). The grant funds will support the *Choices Program*, a 5-day outward bound experience for Boston public middle school students. Our grant will support the attendance of students from the Boston Community Leadership High School in the Brighton neighborhood of Boston.
- **PROVIDENCE PLAN/READY2LEARN PROGRAM** (*Providence*). This grant continues to a successful program the Foundation helped to start up which has now leveraged funds to obtain AmeriCorps funds allowing hiring of 30 staff members. Grant funds will be used to support teacher training.
- **FACING HISTORY & OURSELVES** (*Boston*). Grant funds sponsor a 5-month visit (mostly in early 2008) to the Boston public library of an exhibit exploring the relationship between the individual and society. The Boston Public Library is the only other sponsor.



Brown Rudnick is Pro Bono General Counsel to Facing History & Ourselves.

- **SHELTER FOR WOMEN/GIRL POWER: GIRLS MAKE DEMOCRACY WORK** (*Hartford*). Grant funds continue support for a social studies program serving troubled girls 12-18 who are in state custody, providing these girls with an understanding of government and the legislative process.
- **HARRIET BEECHER STOWE HOUSE/HARTFORD HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING** (*Hartford*). Grant will be used for the *Art in the House Program*, providing visits to this historic home and a curriculum designed to engage all Hartford middle and high schools.
- **B.E.L.L. FOUNDATION INC.** (NYC). Grant funds will be used to expand this academic and social enrichment program serving low-income elementary school children with after school and summer programs.

The Foundation



Insight/Foresight Grants Awarded

To the Trinity Repertory Theatre

(Providence) Trinity Repertory will produce Thornton Wilder's classic play *Our Town*. The Grant will allow the Theatre to partner with Hope High School in Providence, RI, to bring 50 students to the production for free and incorporate the dramatic text and theatrical experience into their curriculum through artist-led workshops in their classrooms before and after they see the show. Co-applicant was **Ron Borod** from Brown Rudnick.

Foundation Announces New Community Grant Program

The Foundation has announced the initiation of the Community Grant Program in 2007. Information about the grant and the application process may be found at

<http://www.brownrudnickcenter.com/foundation>

To the Heartbeat Ensemble Theatre Troop

(Hartford) Co-applicant for the grant was Brown Rudnick's **David Golden**. The Grant will be used to support the creation of 3 workshops on conflict resolution in Hartford high schools.

To the School for Young Children on Asylum Hill

(Hartford) This new school, created in part with a Relationship Grant from the Foundation last year, is built on the model of improving oral language development and literacy skills of young children in a racially and social-economically diverse learning environment. The Grant will be used to purchase sensory integration equipment for children at the school who have special needs. Hartford Brown Rudnick associate **Elizabeth Fowler** was the co-applicant.



← **Al Wallis** and Foundation Director **David Golden** present grant check to Heartbeat Ensemble's Greg Tate.

Foundation Grants Yield Success: VLA Holiday Card Contest (2006 Relationship Grant Recipient)

Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, Brown Rudnick and Boston Public Schools Team Up to Support Arts Education

The Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts of Massachusetts, Inc. (VLA) announced the winners of its third annual Holiday Card Contest for Boston Public High School students. Created to support arts education in Boston Public Schools, the contest provides an opportunity for educators to engage students in an art enrichment program.

The contest was initiated with a grant from The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation and with assistance from the Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest, as well as the support of the Boston Public Schools.

Six schools participated in the 2006 art contest: MFA/BPS Scholarship Program, Boston Latin Academy, East Boston High School, Media Communications Technology High School, Another Course To College, and Charlestown High School.



← Thank you to the judges of the VLA Holiday Card Contest: From left to right: Gina Quigley, Bob Guillemin, Kathy Tosolini, Cheryl Cronin, Lisa Gentile, Sacha Pfeiffer, Al Wallis, Jim Grace and Marilyn Stempler.



↑ Student winners with VLA Executive Director Jim Grace, VLA Board Chair Kathleen Bitetti and Center Executive Director Al Wallis.

Jeff Moy, Boston Latin Academy teacher, commented, "With insufficient public funding of arts education programs, there are few opportunities for children to explore their creative abilities. We are grateful for the ingenuity and financial support of private organizations such as the VLA and Brown Rudnick. Their Holiday Card Contest serves an important function in the community: the program raises awareness of the need for art education and offers students a real platform to discover their artistic talents. This is our third year participating in the contest, and we look forward to it every fall."

Two first place winners were selected: **Stacey Leonard**, Boston resident and student at the BPS/MFA Scholarship Program, for her untitled artwork; and Roslindale native **WanKelley Medina** from the Boston Latin Academy, for her painting entitled "Winter Land".

Second place honors went to Daniel Fairclough (Boston) from the Boston Latin Academy. The seven honorable mentions went to Patrick Meade (Boston), James Meade (Boston), and Juan Gonzalez (East Boston), who are from the BPS/MFA Scholarship program; and Amie Le (Dorchester), Phi Ngo (Boston), Victoria Leggett (West Roxbury) and Sienna DeSantis (Boston), who all attend Boston Latin Academy.

Contestants were honored at an awards reception in November, hosted by the contest sponsor, the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation at the law firm of Brown Rudnick. Each winning student received an award certificate and art supplies.

Foundation Grants Yield Success: **Citizens Schools Mock Trial** (2006 Relationship Grant Recipient)



Brown Rudnick associates coached 2 mock trial teams. From left to right **Tim Durken, Nathan Forster, Rebecca MacDowell, Shivani Kaul, Jessica Paris, Lan Le, Shelly Dorn, Greg Smith and Jason Marshall.**



The McCormack School team with Massachusetts Juvenile Court Justice, Joseph F. Johnston.



A proud parent.

A 2006 Foundation Relationship Grant to Citizens Schools and Discovering Justice supported the Boston mock trial program these organizations coordinate with participating law firms, middle school students and the court.

Congratulations to our Brown Rudnick Boston associates who brought their two excited middle school teams to the mock trials held at the U.S. Moakley District Court in Boston this fall. In front of judges from the Massachusetts state courts – Honorable Joseph F. Johnston and Honorable Jonathan Brant, District Court Justice – the students from the Umana Barnes and the McCormack middle schools showed that they had worked hard during their 3 months of preparation with their Brown Rudnick coaches, presenting their cases with poise and enthusiasm.

Jurors and clerks included Brown Rudnick's Jonathan Schwartz, Lindsey Baumgardner, Jennifer Martino, Amanda Mitchell, Keith Nelson, Donna Dilesio, Keith Walsh, Kym Patrico and Al Wallis.

Foundation Grants Yield Success: **School for Young Children Opens** (2006 Relationship Grant Recipient)



Hartford Opens New School for Young Children. A child care school created by the Capital Regional Education Council, and funded in part by a Grant from the Foundation held its “ribbon cutting” ceremony this fall. Hartford Mayor Eddie Perez and the Foundation’s “champion” for this grant, Brown Rudnick partner **Tom Ritter**, attended the event where a plaque thanking Brown Rudnick was displayed.

← CREC’s Kate Pendergast shows “thank you” plaque to Center Executive Director Al Wallis and to children at the newly opened school.

GENEROSITY IS AT OUR



Massachusetts Bar Association Mock Trial Program

For the 9th consecutive year, Brown Rudnick is the **sole sponsor of the Massachusetts Bar Association’s state-wide mock trial Program.** Pictured presenting the check from left to right: Al Wallis, executive director, Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest; Elise Busny, litigation partner, Brown Rudnick; Andrew Strehle, administrative partner, Brown Rudnick; Mark Mason, MBA president; Marilyn Wellington, MBA executive director; and Elliott Loew, chair, MBA Mock Trial Committee, Law Office of Elliott M. Loew, Newton. Approximately 115 schools across the state will participate in the competition.

Photo by Chuck Chaney.

PRO BONO IS AT OUR



The Brown Rudnick Pro Bono Commitment

Brown Rudnick is committed to equal access to justice. Thus far, in the present fiscal year (2/1/06 – 1/31/07) the Firm has devoted pro bono (free) legal representation equal to the equivalent of more than **\$2,150,000** had it been billed at standard billing rates.

Brown Rudnick attorneys and paralegals continue to provide representation in new and ongoing pro bono engagements.



The American Lawyer has listed Brown Rudnick as the #12th law firm in the nation for the provision of pro bono legal representation in 2005..

Representing the Homeless



Attorneys Visit Boston's St. Francis House Shelter to Interview Clients

Twice a year, Brown Rudnick attorneys staff a legal clinic for the homeless at one of Boston's shelters through a program run by the Boston Bar Association's Clearinghouse on Affordable Housing and Homelessness. This autumn the clinic was with the Pine Street Inn Homeless Shelter. Brown Rudnick attorneys (standing, from left) **Timothy Durken, Jason Marshall, Nathan Forster, Greg Smith** and (seated) **David Bright and Al Wallis** coordinated and supervised the autumn, 2006 visit.

After being trained by the Clearinghouse staff, eight Brown Rudnick attorneys spent the better part of a day at the shelter, meeting with several potential clients and then debriefing as a group with the advice of attorneys from the Clearinghouse and an affiliated legal services program. As a result of this effort, Brown Rudnick is providing legal representation to several homeless clients.



Pro Bono Accolades Awarded



The Brown Rudnick Pro Bono Committee recently presented two Pro Bono Accolades recently in recognition of outstanding leadership and volunteer effort.

[Erika Holmes and Rachel Lipton](#) received an Accolade in recognition of their coordination of the Brown Rudnick's 2006 Summer Associate Unemployment Appeal Project in which, under Erika and Rachel's supervision, all 20 Brown Rudnick Summer Associates successfully represented clients in Massachusetts unemployment appeal hearings.

[Danielle Bennett, Andrew Dash, and Dan Saval](#) received an Accolade in recognition of their work with the New York Bankruptcy Project, providing legal advice to debtors under the new Bankruptcy Act.

↑ Andrew Strehle (center in photo) presents Accolade to Erika Holmes (left) and Rachel Lipton at the August meeting of the Brown Rudnick Pro Bono Committee.

Al Wallis (left in photo) presents Accolade to Dan Saval, Andy Dash and Danielle Bennett at a meeting in Brown Rudnick's New York office. →



Some of Our New Pro Bono Engagements

- In **Boston**, **Greg Arnold, Greg Smith, John Wadsworth** and **Jason Marshall**, provide representation to **homeless clients**. Assisting one to obtain a determination of why she continues to be denied Public Housing and another with assistance in appealing a public housing rent increase.
- In **New York**, we provide pro bono counsel to indigent artists referred by the Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts of New York. **David Molton, Diane Nardi and Shefaali Desai** are providing representation to an **artist** in a dispute over a former assistant's use of photographs in violation of a work-for-hire agreement, as well as the use of restoration techniques stolen and used in connection with the assistant's new business.
- In **New York**, **Emilio Galvan and John Inkeles** are handling an appeal of a judgment against our **filmmaker** client by three Screen Actors Guild actors regarding pay and health benefits they claim they are owed.
- In **New York**, **Emilio Galvan and Peter Adelman** are providing representation to a organization concerned about a **community garden** who are challenging the environmental impact review conducted in respect to a proposed development abutting the garden.



Pro Bono Committee
Chairperson,
Andrew Strehle



- In **New York**, **Michael Student** is providing representation to the **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention**.
- In **Hartford**, **Franca DeRosa** represents a **non-profit social action organization** with regard to environmental due diligence on property that the client would like to purchase to create a center for non-profit organization.
- In **Providence**, **Jayne Donegan and Brian Lamoureux** provide legal advice to **Reach Out and Read Rhode Island**.
- In **Boston**, **Margaret Pinkham and David Bright** represent a **homeless shelter** in a real estate matter and **Carl Axelrod and Suzanne Dooley** represent a nonprofit cultural coalition with issues regarding the creation and operation of **affordable housing** for artists.
- In **New York**, **Irene Steiner and Ada Clapp** provide **tax advice** regarding planned giving for prospective donors to a civil rights organization.
- In **Boston**, **Tom Phillips and Suzanne Dooley** represent a **low-income community church** in negotiation of design and construction contracts for renovation of church building.

Pro Bono Engagements: Recent New Initiatives

We are also representing low income clients as part of our...

- **... New York Bankruptcy Initiative.** As a response to changes in the federal bankruptcy laws, most private law firms have been reluctant to represent individuals in personal bankruptcy because of the potential ethical exposure the new rules place on those filing an appearance. In an innovative response, initiated at the request of judges from the New York Bankruptcy court and approved by an opinion from the New York City Bar's Ethics Committee, New York Legal Services has created a bankruptcy assistance project in which the attorneys help the individual clients to think through bankruptcy and to prepare the petition if appropriate, but the attorneys do not enter an appearance in the matter. Brown Rudnick has made a financial contribution to support this program and attorneys Andy Dash, Danielle Bennett and Dan Saval have been providing representation to several individual debtors.
- **... Brown Rudnick Fee Collection Initiative through the Massachusetts Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts (VLA).** Through this initiative, created by Brown Rudnick in conjunction with the VLA, the Firm takes pro bono cases each month representing indigent artists who are having legal difficulties involving artist fees they are owed or similar kinds of financial disputes. Recent matters have included such things as representation of an artist in a claim against the publisher of a web site who refused to pay the artist for material he wrote for that site; representation of an artist in a dispute about loan payments; assisting a theatre group that relies on the income from leasing out the first floor of its building and needs help in finding and getting lease payments from the tenant, who has disappeared; and representation of a Boston dancer and choreographer who needs assistance negotiating resolving a debt-related arrest warrant and negotiating a payment plan for his personal debts. Attorneys working on the matters mentioned include Andrew Strehle, Amanda Mitchell, Tom Montgomery, Jeff Hermes, Benjamin Welch, Greg Arnold and Ian Prior.
- **... Summer Unemployment Law Project.** As part of their experience at the Firm, each summer associate worked in a team handling an administrative appeal on behalf of a Massachusetts client who has been denied unemployment insurance payments. We represented a total of ten unemployed clients and prevailed at the administrative hearing on all ten cases. Jim Hauser, Erika Holmes and Rachel Lipton supervised this litigation.

“Overwhelmingly, the associates felt this project was the most meaningful assignment they had worked on all summer. There was an almost palpable sense of accomplishment and pride among the associates. The project demonstrated to them the power of their legal skills and the power of pro bono work...”

- Rachel Lipton describing the Summer Unemployment Law Project. (left in photo with Erika Holmes.) →



Exceptional Pro Bono Impact Projects

In 2006, Brown Rudnick created a new category within the Firm's Pro Bono Policy, **Exceptional Pro Bono Impact Project**. Such projects, which provide additional credit for the attorneys engaged in them, must be of benefit to society, but they also offer additional benefit to the Firm by providing high visibility, team building and professional development opportunities. Five such projects have been approved in 2006.

PROJECT: RWU Affordable Housing Pro Bono Collaborative/Community Housing Land Trust of Rhode Island/Providence. (Legal team: **Jennifer Brooks, Michael Dolan, Kevin Nulton and Edward Pare.**)

This matter involves a partnership between Roger Williams University Law School (RWU) and the Community Housing Land Trust of Rhode Island (who is the client) (the "Rhode Island Land Trust"), Housing Network, and Church Community Housing Corporation—to assist these organizations working to implement Rhode Island legislation that requires 10% of new housing units be set aside as affordable housing, and to ensure the long-term affordability of these units (particularly with respect to the use of the land trust model in a mixed-income condominium development).

PROJECT: Ricci v. Okin/Boston. (Legal team: **Margaret Pinkham and Dan Brown.**)

We represent the Wrentham Association for Retarded Citizens (the "Wrentham Class") in Ricci v. Okin, a class action that was filed in the 1970s against the Department of Mental Retardation ("DMR") under 42 USC § 1983 alleging that the DMR failed to provide care and treatment that met minimal constitutional requirements.

PROJECT: Consumers for Dental Choice/Hartford. (Legal team: **Doug Cohen, Michael Kozlik, Elizabeth Fowler and Nancy Reiner.**)

We provide representation for this national organization, advocating for governmental regulation of mercury used in dental amalgams. The initial engagement has involved administrative matters at the state level (Connecticut), including an administrative appeal of the Dept. of Environmental Protection Commissioner's decision regarding the interpretation of a State law banning the sale of mercury products.

PROJECT: Slawomir Grunberg /NYC. (Legal team: **Ulyana Bardyn and Anthony Handal.**)

This matter involves a dispute between our client, a Russian hero and a Danish film producing company, over rights to release their respective movies about the same story. The subject of the story is a Russian man, Mr. Petrov, who in 1983 averted a nuclear conflict between the Soviet Union and the United States. Our client traveled to Russia where he was shooting the film about Mr. Petrov, pursuant to an oral agreement with Mr. Petrov. He thereafter received a "cease and desist" letter from the Danish film company, claiming that Mr. Petrov "has committed himself exclusively to another documentary." We are representing Mr. Grunberg to sort out these international intellectual property issues.

PROJECT: Community Servings Marbury Terrace Project/Boston. (Legal team: **Carl Axelrod, David Bright and Jason Marshall.**)

This project involves a complex real estate transaction to enable this non-profit client to relocate its operations to a newly purchased building. Our client prepares and delivers free meals to homebound persons with debilitating illnesses such as AIDS.

BROWN RUDNICK SUMMER ASSOCIATES BROADLY ENGAGED THROUGH THE CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEREST

Each Brown Rudnick Summer Associate in 2006 was engaged through the Center in handling at least one pro bono unemployment appeal; participating in at least one community service activity such as making and serving lunch to homeless women at Rosie's Place and making a decision about charitable giving to a legal services organization as part of the "SAILS" program.



† Several Summer Associates also participated in the AntiDefamation League summer research project, providing in depth legal analysis of current and emerging constitutional issues. Above, Brown Rudnick summer associate **Elizabeth O'Connor** describes her research at an ADL breakfast .



THE SAILS PROGRAM

SAILS, the Summer Associates' Initiative for Legal Services, is one vehicle Brown Rudnick uses to help bridge the gap between private law firms and public legal services. Summer Associates forego a Firm-sponsored lunch and instead, "brown bag" lunch on the lawn of the Massachusetts Federal Courthouse where they have the opportunity to discuss pro bono and public interest activities. The Firm then donates the money that would have been spent for lunch to a legal services organization chosen at the SAILS lunch by the Summer Associates.

This year, the organization selected to receive a donation was **Lawyers for Children** in New York City.

GENEROSITY IS AT OUR



United Way
of Massachusetts Bay



Thank you, Brown Rudnick partners **Marilyn Stempler, Andrew Strehle, Cheryl Cronin, Carl Axelrod and Paul Hartnett,** the United Way Kick-off Breakfast Servers.

The annual Brown Rudnick United Way Campaign took place during Halloween week. Most offices had one or more fundraising events resulting in \$36,000 being raised thus far in contributions to the campaign.

Thank you to Brown Rudnick's Hartford office, which held a United Way pancake breakfast cooked and served by the partners, as well as a luncheon that raised funds to donate to My Sister's Place. From left are partners **Scott Consoli, James Wakim, Franca DeRosa, David Golden, Douglas Cohen and Thomas Ritter.**→



Thank you, Ms. Baken's 5th Grade Chorus from the Neighborhood House Charter School in Dorchester for your entertainment at Boston's United Way lunch.

Thank you, Boston, 2006

United Way Campaign Steering Committee

Kelly Paty, Coordinator

Jaimie Flaherty, Lisa Gentile, Connie Kelly, Pauline Kosowan, Jennifer Martino, Chrissy Micchelli, Lisa Murray, Kym Patrico, Jonathan Schwartz, Al Wallis and Fran Wilkins

Boston held a week-long campaign that included contests, visits by the children's chorus from the Neighborhood House Charter School in Dorchester, and (of course) a pancake breakfast served by (but not prepared by) partners.

GENEROSITY IS AT OUR



HOLIDAY SEASON GIVING



Boston sets a record
The Annual Massachusetts Department of Social Services Toy Drive held in the Boston office "adopted" **63 children**, providing some **\$6,000 in gifts**. Thank you to the Brown Rudnick coordinators -- Jenn Kelley, Kym Patrico and Lindsey Baumgardener (in photo left) -- and to all of the Brown Rudnick attorneys and staff who reached into their hearts and pockets to make the holidays a bit brighter for these children.

"After years of supporting this organization it only gets better. It is a such a joy to know that we work with amazing people who can make it happen." - one of the Boston coordinators.

In **Hartford**, Brown Rudnick attorneys and staff "adopted" 9 children from 3 families at the Breakthrough Magnet School for the holidays.

SEEKING A CURE FOR BREAST CANCER



On Breast Cancer Awareness/Lee Denim Day in October, all Brown Rudnick offices participated in raising breast cancer awareness. For a minimum \$6 contribution, participants were allowed to wear jeans to work, and they received a pink bracelet and a pin. Close to \$3,000 was raised with all of the proceeds going towards breast cancer awareness and research. Boston office ↑ (above) and NY office ↓ had an extraordinary number of participants.



September 11



For the fifth consecutive year, Brown Rudnick's Center for the Public Interest coordinated a visits to local firehouses as a way of telling those who provide for public safety that "we remember and we care."

◀ In Boston, Engine 10-Division One Firehouse was visited in remembrance of September 11. About two dozen people from Brown Rudnick walked to the firehouse and brought them lunch as a way of saying "thank you; we remember." In the photo above left, a firefighter displays a drawing Brown Rudnick's **Julia Forbes** delivered from her daughter. Below left, Center Executive Director **Al Wallis** speaks to the Firefighters on behalf of those gathered at the firehouse.



† Brown Rudnick's New York office visited Fire Station #65. Participants included **Steve Smith, Rose Macchio, Cynthia Monares, Jadwiga Kruk, Renata Sieruta, Chris Lau Kamg, Evelyn Gonzalez and Dale Limongello.**

"Thank you SO much for arranging this. I feel so lucky to work here and to have such great opportunities."

- A Brown Rudnick participant in the Boston firehouse visit.

COMMUNITY SERVICE IS AT OUR



COMMUNITY SERVINGS



↑ Brown Rudnick's Community Servings volunteers **Gwendy Long, Scott Muska** and **Christopher Dunham** prepare and serve lunch in Boston which will be delivered to homebound persons with HIV/AIDS or other debilitating diseases. ↓ Below, Brown Rudnick Summer Associate **Steve Veenema** prepares carrots.



ROSIE'S PLACE



↑ Brown Rudnick's Rosie's Place volunteers in Boston prepare and serve lunch. From left are **Jonathan Schwartz, Christopher Dunham, LaSonnya Hart, Anthony Bertulli, Natanja Hunter, Gwendolen Long, David Abadir** and **Pavlos Lykos**. ↓ Below, Brown Rudnick's **Christine List, Anil Ranganath, Mary O'Malley, Michael Blitstein, Elizabeth O'Connor, Jessica Calagione, Lindsey Baumgardner** and **Kym Patrico** make another visit to Rosie's.



COMMUNITY SERVICE IS AT OUR



BROWN RUDNICK ENTRY IS THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Chalk One Up for Arts. For the second consecutive year, through the Center for the Public Interest, Brown Rudnick Boston volunteers participated in Chalk One Up for the Arts. This event raises money and provides awareness of the arts and is sponsored by Boston's legendary street artist, Sidewalk Sam. Last year's Brown Rudnick team tied for second place in the "public choice" category. This year, Brown Rudnick won first place in that category. Our artistic team included **Lisa Gentile, Beth Hurley, Lisa Murray, Shan Shan Pa, Jazmine Coleman, Lindsey Baumgardener, Kym Patrico and Al Wallis.**



Last Words...



In 2006, the Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest celebrated the fifth anniversary of its creation. In cooperation with the Boston University School of Digital Design, film students created a video about the Center to mark the occasion.



Please contact **Al Wallis** or **Kym Patrico** to discuss any matters regarding the Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest.

Thanks, especially to Kym Patrico, Lisa Murray, Jennifer Martino & Connie Kelly for their assistance with this newsletter.

And finally, apologies for any errors or unintentional omissions which may from time-to-time occur in the Center e-mail news – maybe even this one.

- Al Wallis

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