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BROWN RUDNICK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2010-11 RELATIONSHIP GRANT RECIPIENTS

*Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest and Charitable Foundation
celebrate 10 Years of helping to improve inner-city education*

Boston, MA, September 23, 2010 – Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., a non-profit, tax-exempt entity established by Brown Rudnick LLP, is pleased to announce the recipients of the Foundation's 2010-11 *Relationship Grants* program. For a decade, the Foundation has been awarding annual *Relationship Grants* to tax-exempt organizations for programs designed to improve inner-city education in a city where Brown Rudnick has domestic offices. These annual grants seek to improve inner-city education by forming a relationship with a non-profit organization that optimally includes providing financial support, pro bono legal representation and volunteer time.

As part of the grant selection process, the Foundation sought initial letters of interest from grant applicants. After reviewing 135 letters of interest and considering 23 full proposals, the Foundation awarded 13 Relationship Grants to non-profit organizations in Boston, Harford, Providence, New York and Washington DC. All grants have been awarded to correspond with the 2010-11 academic school year.

The 2010-11 *Relationship Grant* recipients are:

In Boston, Hartford and Washington DC:

- **REACH OUT & READ**

Reach Out & Read is a long-time grantee, but the 2010-11 grant will include a new geography -- Washington. The organization is focused on early childhood literacy and health, connecting the two through pediatric visits during which children receive a free book and parents are encouraged to read to their child. Brown Rudnick provides general legal counsel services to the organization on a pro bono basis.

In Boston:

- **FACING HISTORY & OURSELVES (FHAO)**

Boston-based Facing History & Ourselves is a long-time grant recipient for whom the Firm provides general pro bono legal counsel. The 2010-11 grant will support a travelling national educational interactive exhibit, "Choosing to Participate." In 2008,



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the Foundation supported the exhibit during its Boston stay. This year, the grant will support a D.C. exhibit.

- **CITIZENS SCHOOLS**

The 2010-11 grant will continue support for Boston middle school after-school enrichment programs, specifically the Mock Trial Program done in conjunction with Discovering Justice. Brown Rudnick has participated as mock trial coaches for over a decade. It is anticipated that some form of volunteer participation will continue with the Citizens Schools and Discovering Justice programs this year.

- **ARTS & BUSINESS COUNCIL OF GREATER BOSTON, INC.
(formerly, Volunteer Lawyers For The Arts)**

The grant will continue support for the popular Brown Rudnick/VLA Holiday Art Contest in the Boston public schools, as well as for the Teen Art Law Program which visits classrooms to teach about intellectual property. Brown Rudnick provides pro bono legal representation to artists referred by the Arts & Business Council.

- **THOMPSON ISLAND/ OUTWARD BOUND**

A three-time Foundation grant recipient, Thompson Island will use this year's grant for its Connections Program, which was initiated last year with Foundation support and in conjunction with Boston public schools. Thousands of middle school students participated in this program which uses classroom presentations and visits to Thompson Island to teach students in a natural outdoor environment. Thompson Island has connected with the Foundation through volunteer activities, such as a student visits to Brown Rudnick, and is expected to do so again this year.

- **HULL LIFESAVING MUSEUM**

A new grantee, this organization takes some of the hardest cases from the Massachusetts Department of Youth Services and enrolls them in a Maritime Apprentice Program where they receive a stipend. The program also co-enrolls the youths in a GED or degree granting program. The grant will support the required apprentice stipends and staff salaries.

In Hartford:

- **THE VILLAGE FOR FAMILIES & CHILDREN (now owner of subsidiary Gray Lodge, Shelter for Women)**

The Village for Families & Children is the new owner of a subsidiary organization which the Foundation has supported for several years - Gray Lodge Shelter for Women. The grant will continue support for Gray Lodge, with programs for about 100 young pregnant and parenting women, including GED programs.

- **COMPASS YOUTH COLLABORATIVE**

This is a new grantee which operates 3 COMPASS community schools in partnership with Hartford public schools. These schools provide academic enrichment programs



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(before, during and after school and on weekends) which create relationships between families, faculty and the community. The 2010-11 grant will support two academic enrichment programs at these schools.

In New York City:

- **B.E.L.L. FOUNDATION INC.**

The grant to Building Educated Leaders for Life (BELL), enrichment program will continue support for a 34-week after-school educational enrichment programs at PS 36 in Harlem. Additionally, Brown Rudnick will continue our volunteer work at the elementary school where the Firm's summer associates have improved the outdoor space by painting a new mural or creating a learning garden each year since 2007.

- **BRONX SCHOOL FOR LAW, GOVERNMENT & JUSTICE**

This new grant will support a successful but still emerging program, The Bronx Great Debaters. The grant will support these successful public school debaters by helping to level the playing field as they compete with better resourced schools, providing funds for laptops and for transportation so that they can participate in the highest level of competition (e.g. state, regional or national finals) they achieve.

In Providence:

- **PROVIDENCE PLAN (Ready2Learn Program)**

The grant will continue support for this long-time grant recipient, specifically for its successful early learning program which works with libraries, head start programs and family day care centers throughout the city. Grant funds provide essential matching dollars to secure federal AmeriCorps volunteers. Brown Rudnick provides general counsel services on a pro bono basis.

In Washington DC:

- **PERRY SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER**

A former recipient of a Brown Rudnick Community Grant, the Perry School Community Services Center provides multi-generational programs in a D.C. neighborhood. The Relationship Grant will support the Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters program (the "HIPPY program"), an early learning initiative which trains parents who then train other parents in the skills and practice of reading to children.

- **UNITED STATES CAPITOL HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The grant will provide a second year of support for historical and educational programming in Washington, D.C. middle schools which connects in-class teaching about the Constitution with the "We the People Constitution Tour" of the nation's Capitol. Additionally, the grant will fund the "We the People Constitutional Challenge," a contest created last year by the Society and our Foundation in which classes create some activity which connects to their tour and the Constitution.



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