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### The [Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation](#) Awards *Community Grant* to New Community for Children in Washington DC

**Boston, MA, June 16, 2010** – The [Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp.](#), a nonprofit, tax-exempt entity established by attorneys from Brown Rudnick LLP, awarded a [Community Grant](#) to the [New Community for Children](#) (NCFC) for the creation of an intergenerational art garden. Grant dollars will be used to purchase gardening tools, soil, seeds, art materials, and worms. This is the second Community Grant that the Foundation has awarded to NCFC. In May 2009, the Foundation gave a grant in support of NCFC's A.B.L.E. (Adolescents Building Literacy through Expression) program, which provides creative educational activities that enrich and enhance the literacy of NCFC 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Located in the Shaw neighborhood of Washington, DC, NCFC empowers children through educational, cultural, and spiritual enrichment in their before school, after school, and summer programs. NCFC works with parents, teachers, the community, and other social service organizations in the District of Columbia to address the comprehensive educational needs of children. NCFC prepares students for post-secondary education, careers, and/or vocational training to become responsible, productive adults who, in turn, give their time and talents back to their communities.

Ruth Chan, NCFC Program Director and grant applicant, explained, "Our students will work with other community members to plant, maintain and harvest an intergenerational art garden. In addition to growing vegetables and flowers, students will also create artwork to be installed in the garden. Through this collaborative work, students will learn about community connection, healthy living, and eco-literacy."

Al Wallis, Executive Director of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., added, "NCFC seems like an organization that is always looking for creative ways to engage youth and the community in a positive way, and our further support is a way of applauding those efforts. The art garden project offers students a novel and creative educational program that encourages collaboration, artistic ability, and eco-friendliness. We are pleased to be a part of this Washington DC community project."

Created to support front-line educators who often do not have a voice in funding decisions, the *Community Grants* subsidize small, concrete projects, which will improve inner-city education within Boston, Hartford, Providence or New York within the coming year. The Foundation will generally consider grant applications monthly and award grants in an amount totaling not more



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than \$2000 in any one month. The grant applications and an explanation of the program can be found at <http://www.brownrudnickcenter.com/foundation/communitygrant.asp>.

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