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BROWN RUDNICK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF 2009-2010 *RELATIONSHIP GRANTS* PROGRAM

New Foundation Program Coincides with Academic School Year to Better Align with Educator Needs

Boston, MA, July 28, 2009 – Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp. (“Foundation”), a non-profit, tax-exempt entity established by Brown Rudnick LLP, is pleased to announce the recipients of the Foundation’s 2009-10 *Relationship Grants* program. 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 this year’s grant selection process, the Foundation sought initial letters of interest from grant applicants. After reviewing these letters, the Foundation invited promising candidates to submit a more detailed proposal. In all, 12 grants will be awarded to non-profit organizations in Boston, MA; Providence, RI; Hartford, CT; New York, NY; and Washington, D.C. All grants will be awarded on to correspond with the 2009-10 academic school year.

The 2009-10 *Relationship Grant* recipients are:

In Boston, Providence and New York City:

- **REACH OUT & READ**

This is the sixth consecutive year that the Foundation has awarded a *Relationship Grant* to Reach Out & Read. The 2009-10 grant will be used to continue support for a pediatric literacy program. Brown Rudnick’s pro bono legal representation as “general counsel” to the organization will also continue.

In Boston:

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

Brown Rudnick has been involved with FHAO since its inception and serves as the organization’s pro bono general counsel. This is the sixth consecutive year in which a *Relationship Grant* will be provided to FHAO. The 2009-10 grant will support in-depth programs (in two Boston public schools -- Harbor School (6-8 grades) and TechBoston Lower Academy (6-9) – and will provide monies for scholarships for teachers, professional development, coaching and related materials.



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- **CITIZENS SCHOOLS**

The 2009-10 grant will support development and delivery of the Legal Apprenticeship Program, and Brown Rudnick will participate in coaching middle school mock trials teams. Brown Rudnick has coached teams annually since 1999.

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

The 2009-10 grant will be used to continue encouraging the arts in Boston public schools through the Brown Rudnick/VLA Holiday Card Contest and to through the Art Law Program which teaches intellectual property concepts in Boston public schools. Also, Brown Rudnick will continue to provide pro bono legal representation to indigent artists referred by this organization.

- **THOMPSON ISLAND/ OUTWARD BOUND**

A three-time Foundation grant recipient, Thompson Island will dedicate the 2009-10 grant toward its Connection Program, a middle school program in conjunction with the Boston public schools which uses classroom presentations and visits to Thompson Island to teach students on multiple levels.

- **WRITER'S EXPRESS**

A two-time Foundation grant recipient, Writer's Express will use the 2009-10 grant to continue support for a four-week summer writing program (in 2010) held at Simmons College for 130+ junior and high school Boston students. Brown Rudnick will continue to provide the organization with pro bono legal representation.

In Hartford:

- **CAPITOL REGION EDUCATION COUNCIL FOUNDATION (CREC)**

The 2009-10 grant has been awarded to expand a three-year-old Truancy Court Prevention Project which will work with 60 8th-9th graders at high risk of dropping out of school. This program, which utilizes judges to establish an intervention plan and mobilize resources, has been successful in keeping 90% of participants in school with increased academic performance. The grant will be used to add career exploration activities to the project and expose students to perspectives -- options not otherwise available to them.

- **SHELTER FOR WOMEN**

This is the fourth *Relationship Grant* awarded to the Shelter for Women. The 2009-10 grant will continue to support the "Girl Power: Girls Making Democracy Work" program.



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In New York City:

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

A five-year Foundation *Relationship Grant* recipient, B.E.L.L. (Building Educated Leaders for Life) will use this year's grant for 34-week after-school program serving 100 children and their families at PS 36 in Harlem. Brown Rudnick volunteers annually to paint a new mural on the school's playground.

In Providence:

- **PROVIDENCE PLAN (Ready2Learn Program)**

The Foundation will continue its multi-year relationship with the Providence Plan with a grant allocated for the Ready2Learn program, whose mission is to have every child in Providence arrive at school age healthy and ready to learn. Brown Rudnick will continue to serve as general counsel, pro bono, to this organization.

In Washington DC:

- **WASHINGTON LAWYERS' COMMITTEE for CIVIL RIGHTS**

For a second year, the Foundation will support the Lawyer's Committee's D.C. Public School Project, which promotes the link between the legal community and D.C. public schools. Brown Rudnick has partnered with the Whittier School in Washington, D.C.

- **UNITED STATES CAPITOL HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

A new grantee, the United States Capitol Historical Society will use the grant to enable 250 8th-grade students to participate in tours of the Capitol, receive classroom resource materials, and create a student essay contest.

Relationship Grants are awarded annually to tax-exempt organizations for the purpose of addressing inner-city educational needs within the geographic boundaries of Boston, Hartford, New York City, Providence, and/or Washington D.C. For more information, see www.brownrudnickcenter.com/foundation.

According to Albert W. Wallis, executive director of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., "During these uncertain economic times, when educational programs are being cut, and charitable and legal service organizations are receiving less funding, the Foundation aims to reinforce our commitment to working with organizations on the front lines of the struggle to improve inner city education."



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