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The [Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation](#) Awards *Community Grant* to Perry School Community Services Center, Inc. in Washington DC

Boston, MA, October 1, 2009 – The [Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp.](#), a nonprofit, tax-exempt entity established by attorneys from Brown Rudnick LLP, today announced that it has awarded a *Community Grant* to Washington DC's [Perry School Community Services Center, Inc.](#) The grant will support the Perry Center, Inc.'s Home Instruction of Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) program, a literacy program which combats poverty through education by teaching the parents of three- to five-year-old preschoolers to read to their children.

According to Paul McElligott, Perry Center, Inc. Executive Director and grant applicant, "The HIPPY program is a fundamental part of the Center's mission to address chronic poverty and prepare young people so that they will not live in poverty as adults. Over 400 children have graduated from HIPPY with 97% testing at age-appropriate reading levels. This successful program addresses the educational needs of some of Washington's poorest African-American children, and thanks to the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation, we will be able to expand the program to more parents."

Al Wallis, Executive Director of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., said, "The Perry Center, Inc. offers a unique approach to breaking the cycle of inner-city poverty by enabling parents to facilitate and supplement a child's literacy skills. We applaud the Perry Center, Inc. on its efforts to eradicate poverty, its causes and consequences."

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, New York, or Washington DC within the coming year. The Foundation will generally consider grant applications monthly and award grants in an amount totaling not more 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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