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The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation's *Community Grant* Helps At-Risk High School Students Build Math and English Skills

Boston, MA, January 10, 2012 – 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 **Lyons Community School** in Brooklyn, New York. The grant will support at-risk high school students enrolled in the Urban Workshop NYC program at Lyons Community School in Bushwick, Brooklyn to build a gazebo at Madison Square Community Garden (also in Bushwick).

The Urban Workshop program integrates daily Math and English lessons into construction projects, so that students build their essential academic skills in a way that feels connected to the socially meaningful hands-on carpentry work. Students develop their own skills, confidence, self-esteem and engagement in learning while making a difference in the neighborhood where they attend school -- and where many of them live. They also receive Math and English credit for their work.

According to Daniel Morgenroth, Lyons Community School Math teacher and grant applicant, "In Urban Workshop, two experienced teachers work with 19 at-risk high school students, many of whom are receiving special education and/or ESL services. With support from organizations such as the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation, we can purchase the construction materials that are integral to our educational program."

Albert W. Wallis, executive director of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., said, "Lyons Community School provides an innovative program that in a unique way engages students in critical math and literacy lessons while building job skills and creating a sense of community spirit. We are delighted to support the students and community through this 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, 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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