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## **The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Awards *Community Grant* to P.S. 168 School in the South Bronx, New York**

**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 the **P.S. 168 School** in the South Bronx, New York.

In 2009, the Foundation awarded a similar Community Grant to the P.S. 168 School for the purchase of a white board for kindergarten through second-grade students who have emotional disturbance issues and learning disabilities. The white board is helping students to learn how to read and write using a multi-sensory approach in conjunction with the school's Preventing Academic Failure Program. This latest grant will take those positive results even further by allowing the school to purchase additional technology that builds on the white board as a teaching instrument.

Nicole Procko, P.S. 168 teacher, said, "Thanks to the former Brown Rudnick grant, we were able to purchase an interactive learning and reading program that has helped our students become successful readers and writers. With the recent advancements in technology, our reading and literacy programs would be greatly enhanced by adding new software and a projector. This new grant allows us to buy this new equipment, and I'm confident the students will make even more progress."

Albert W. Wallis, executive director of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., commented, "Studies from the National Institutes of Child Health and Human Development have shown that for children with difficulties learning to read, a multi-sensory teaching method is a highly effective strategy. We are pleased to build on the success of our earlier grant to this P.S. 168 classroom so they can continue this innovative program for their students."

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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