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The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Awards *Community Grant* to the George Westinghouse High School in Brooklyn, New York

*School library will purchase recreational reading materials,
encouraging high school students to read more*

Boston, MA, July 21, 2008 – The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., a nonprofit, tax-exempt entity established by attorneys from Brown Rudnick LLP, today announced that it has awarded one of its Community Grants to the **George Westinghouse High School** in Brooklyn, New York. The grant will purchase recreational reading materials for its students which is otherwise unavailable to them. The selection of books will be based on titles recommended by Young Adult Library Services, a division of the American Library Association and will include graphic novels and manga, as well as books about romance, sports and other topics of interest to teens.

Grant applicant and George Westinghouse High School librarian, Debra Randorf, said, “A student who does not read well will lose motivation to continue reading. Reluctant or struggling readers need new, high-interest books to hold their attention and build their reading confidence. By enabling our library to purchase age-appropriate books for our teenage students, Brown Rudnick’s grant will help encourage reading among our entire student body.”

Albert W. Wallis, executive director of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., commented, “Illiteracy among high school students is a national crisis. According to the American College Testing Service, nearly half of high school graduates lack the reading skills needed to succeed in college. We need to take steps now that will help children appreciate the allure of books, so they will want to spend time reading. We are pleased to support George Westinghouse High School in their efforts to improve students’ reading skills.”

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 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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