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Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Grant Helps Boston School Provide a Safe Environment Where Students Can Learn to Eat (and Cook) Veggies

Boston, MA, July 11, 2011 – The [Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp.](#), a nonprofit, tax-exempt entity established by attorneys from Brown Rudnick LLP, has awarded a [Community Grant](#) to the Haley House in Boston, a multi-service organization that, among other things, operates a bakery café in Roxbury’s Dudley Square. As part of the “Take Back the Kitchen” program, the café provides work development skills to teens, healthy food in one of the few restaurants in the area, and a safe gathering place in one of the city’s tougher neighborhoods. The program uses food and food preparation to help bridge cultural and social divides within the community. The grant will allow Haley House to realize a dream they have had for six years – having audio visual equipment in the café that will allow them to use the venue to better teach nutrition and cooking to hundreds of at-risk children and their families.

Take Back the Kitchen (TBK) is Haley House’s progressive culinary arts and health education program, developed at Haley House Bakery Café in Roxbury’s Dudley Square neighborhood. The program teaches adult, side by side, and youth classes in a professional kitchen. TBK educates students about food and its connection to health through a series of professionally led, hands-on culinary lessons. Classes are vegetable-focused (though not completely vegetarian), and emphasize cooking from scratch, trying new foods, and understanding both the personal and social impacts of how we eat.

Grant applicant and Haley House teacher, Laura Zientek, said, “We aim to empower people to take charge of what they eat by teaching students to cook for themselves, to understand where their ingredients come from, and to make healthful food choices. With the Brown Charitable Foundation Grant, we will be able to incorporate audio visual features into the TBK program, which will greatly enhance students’ learning experience.”

Al Wallis, Executive Director of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., commented, “We are pleased to support innovative health education programs such as Take Back the Kitchen. By empowering young children and their families to make smart, healthy food choices, we can fight the growing health disparities in our community.”

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



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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

www.brownrudnickcenter.com/foundation/communitygrant.asp.

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