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Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Grant Supports Providence, RI Mathematics Program

Boston, MA, September 26, 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 Highlander Charter School in Providence, Rhode Island. Specifically, the grant will support the purchase of 20 graphing calculators to be used in middle school mathematics program.

Highlander is an urban charter school located in the heart of Providence with 272 students in grades K-8. It offers the benefits of a private school – small classes, diverse populations, individual attention from teachers – in a public school setting.

Grant applicant and Highlander teacher, John Wolf, said, “Our goal is to introduce our middle school students to the graphing calculator features to prepare them for high school and to help them better understand more advanced mathematics equations and formulas. Many of our students cannot afford to purchase their own calculators, and without the help of organizations such as The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation, we would not be able to offer this tool as part of our mathematics program.”

Al Wallis, Executive Director of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., commented, “Math skills are critical to developing strong analytical skills and play an important role in advancing technology, engineering and science. The use of graphing calculators will help students visualize and better understand math concepts, which will both enhance the learning experience and help them acquire the critical thinking and problem-solving skills they need to be successful in school and in life. The Foundation is proud to support Highlander’s innovative math curriculum.”

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



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