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The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Awards *Community Grant* to the Intermediate School 61 Leonardo DaVinci in New York

*Students to visit Ellis Island and Statue of Liberty to learn firsthand
about the experience of immigrants*

Boston, MA, October 20, 2008 – The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., a nonprofit, tax-exempt entity established by attorneys from Brown Rudnick LLP, announced that it has awarded one of its Community Grants to the **Intermediate School (I.S.) 61 Leonardo DaVinci** in Corona, New York. The school will use the grant to bring 100 eighth-graders to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty in order to augment their classroom lessons on immigration.

Eighth-grade teacher and grant applicant, Howard Rosenberg, commented, "Topics of immigration always spark a great interest in my classroom, mainly because many of my students are children of immigrants or are immigrants themselves. A large number of the students are from disadvantaged backgrounds, and this grant will enable them to see and appreciate, one of our country's finest cultural institutions."

Albert W. Wallis, executive director of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., said that the Foundation Directors appreciate the importance of supporting the students' visit to these important historical landmarks: "A visit to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty will powerfully connect these students to the immigrant experience at the turn of the 20th century. That experience will resonate with them at a time when they are studying immigration in school, and will perhaps provide occasion to reflect on their own family's personal journey. We are pleased to support I.S. 61 Leonardo DaVinci to provide their students with this opportunity."

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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