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The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Awards *Community Grant* to the Midtown West School P.S. 212 in New York City

Boston, MA, April 23, 2008 – The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., a nonprofit, tax-exempt entity established by attorneys from Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP, today announced that it has awarded one of its Community Grants to the **Midtown West P.S. 212 of New York City** to support the purchase of library / media center materials focused on New York's Central Park history and Alaskan Inuit culture.

Midtown West, a small K-5 public school located in New York City's Hell's Kitchen neighborhood, is dedicated to providing its diverse community of learners with a rigorous, interactive academic environment. The school offers an interdisciplinary social studies-based curriculum that encourages students to examine, explore, and construct meaning through thematic educational programs and field trips. Jenny Virgopia, Midtown West teacher, said, "Our second-graders study Central Park intensively through field trips, visits from Central park Rangers and a variety of readings about the park. In third grade, students study Inuit culture through readings, field trips to the American Museum of Natural History and video/email partnership with a school in Alaska serving Inuit students. The library support materials will greatly enhance the learning experience for our students, and we are grateful for the support of organizations such as Brown Rudnick's Charitable Foundation."

Albert W. Wallis, executive director of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., commented, "Midtown West is creating a literacy-rich environment by combining social studies and history lessons with compelling and age-appropriate library materials. We are pleased to be able to help the school stock its library with new, curriculum-based books that will augment the class studies."

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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