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The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Awards *Community Grant* to the Nickerson Community Center of Providence

Boston, MA, April 28, 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 Nickerson Community Center of Providence. The grant will be used to purchase essential camera and electronics equipment needed for the Center's day care program as part of Nickerson's certification by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). This equipment will enable Nickerson to meet national standards of safety and security by maintaining a digital photo library of all children enrolled in the day care program.

As the second oldest day care in the nation, Nickerson Community Center Day Care programs are designed to address the educational, social, emotional and physical needs of children (ages 8-weeks to 6-years-old) from Providence's inner city communities. Nickerson has received accreditation from the NAEYC for its high quality childhood programs. Ms. Lisa D'Ambra, Nickerson's Chair of the Board and Acting Executive Director, said, "One of the building blocks of economic security is affordable quality day care. The quality and stability of the child care setting is critical to a parent's ability to work and to the child's overall development. The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation recognized the value of our programs and how the digital camera equipment will help us maintain NAEYC standards and improve the quality of the curriculum. We greatly appreciate their support."

Albert W. Wallis, executive director of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., commented, "Day care has become a major influence on early childhood development, and access to high-quality programs is more important than ever before. A key aspect of quality child care is the safety of the setting. We are happy to help Nickerson acquire necessary camera equipment that will help maintain a safe environment where children can thrive."

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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