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## The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Renews Grant Program Dedicated to Help Inner-City Educators

*Community Grant Program Renewed in Conjunction  
with National Corporate Philanthropy Day (February 25, 2008)*

**Boston, MA, February 20, 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 voted to renew its popular **Community Grant Program**. This announcement coincides with February 25<sup>th</sup>'s National Corporate Philanthropy Day, a national awareness day aimed at building support for corporate-community partnerships and inspiring businesses across the country to engage further in philanthropy. Brown Rudnick's Community Grants subsidize small, concrete projects, which will improve inner-city education in 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 <http://www.brownrudnickcenter.com/foundation/communitygrant.asp>. In keeping with the Foundation's 2008 focus, proposals aimed at helping to reduce public school absenteeism and drop-out rates will be of particular interest.

National Corporate Philanthropy Day was established by the Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy (CECP) -- the only international forum of business CEOs and Chairpersons pursuing a mission focused exclusively on corporate philanthropy. Companies are encouraged to take advantage of this day of celebration, promoting programs to employees and business partners, and publicly launching new initiatives. Paul Newman and Ken Derr are the founding co-chairs of the CECP. The committee has more than 165 business CEOs and Chairpersons pursuing a mission to lead the business community in raising the level and quality of corporate philanthropy. For more information, please visit [www.CorporatePhilanthropy.org](http://www.CorporatePhilanthropy.org).

According to Albert W. Wallis, executive director of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., "We are delighted to continue our Community Grants, a program that was created to support front-line educators who often do not have a voice in funding decisions. We hope that by making this announcement coincident with National Corporate Philanthropy Day, we will encourage other law firms and businesses to elevate their commitment to charitable and community activities."



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