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### **Roxbury Youth Initiative Receives *Community Grant* from the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation for Summer Camp**

**Boston, MA, June 25, 2007** – 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 **Roxbury Youth Initiative (RYI)**. The grant will be used to purchase educational materials and supplies for the RYI's inner-city youth summer camp, which is focused on the communities of Roxbury and South Boston. Additionally, the grant will fund a field trip to the Museum of African American History.

The RYI is operated by the Phillips Brooks House Association, a student-run, non-profit organization that reaches out to low-income, at-risk youth in Boston neighborhoods. The RYI summer camp serves 80 youth, ages 6 -13, by providing a low-cost, fun and educational summer program. The camp focuses on the history of Roxbury and Boston communities, and teaches the fundamentals of language, literacy and mathematics.

Paula Barrows, Director of RYI, said of the grant, "Our goal is to promote social awareness, and the RYI summer camp aims to foster tolerance and collaboration among ethnic groups and communities in Greater Boston. We are grateful for the support of socially responsible organizations, such as the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation, who make it possible for at-risk youths to participate in this important educational program."

Albert W. Wallis, Executive Director of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., commented, "Through participation in the RYI summer camp, inner-city children can gain a better sense of community and sense of self, both of which are vital to a child's development and view of the world. This is important educational work, and we are pleased to award a Community Grant to the RYI."

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 in 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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Phillips Brooks House Association (PBHA) is a student-run, staff supported public service/social action organization at Harvard College providing a variety of services to the Greater Boston community. PBHA programs effect social change through service and activism in partnership with local communities.

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