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### **The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Awards *Community Grant* to the Horace Mann School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

**Boston, MA, December 10, 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 Horace Mann School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Boston. The grant will be used to purchase a multi-function laser printer that teachers can use to create classroom materials, such as worksheets, handouts and color documents, which are designed specifically for the deaf and hard of hearing.

Founded in 1869, the Horace Mann School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is the oldest public school for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in the United States. Strengthened by its association with historical figures such as Alexander Graham Bell and Helen Keller, the school has a rich history of providing quality education for deaf and hard of hearing students from 3 – 22-years of age. According to Thamas P. Lally, the Horace Mann technology teacher, “Because deafness is a low incidence handicap, the Horace Mann staff often has trouble finding classroom material that matches student interests and reading levels. The new printer will allow us to create customized educational materials that are colorful and visually appealing – an essential feature for deaf students.”

Albert W. Wallis, executive director of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., commented, “Educators need proper tools in order to be effective teachers, and students are more motivated when they have relevant, appealing classroom materials. The multi-function color printer will meet both of those needs, enriching the educational experience for all involved. We are delighted to help the Horace Mann School achieve this goal.”

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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