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BROWN RUDNICK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2011-12 RELATIONSHIP GRANT RECIPIENTS

Boston, MA, September 20, 2011 – Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., a non-profit, tax-exempt entity established by Brown Rudnick LLP, is pleased to announce the recipients of the Foundation's 2011-12 *Relationship Grants* program. For over a decade, the Foundation has been awarding annual *Relationship Grants* to tax-exempt organizations for programs designed to improve inner-city education in a city where Brown Rudnick has domestic offices. These annual grants seek to improve inner-city education by forming a relationship with a non-profit organization that optimally includes providing financial support, pro bono legal representation and volunteer time.

As part of the grant selection process, in late spring, the Foundation sought initial letters of interest from grant applicants. After reviewing 120 letters of interest and considering two dozen full proposals this summer, the Foundation awarded 12 Relationship Grants to non-profit organizations in Boston, Hartford, Providence, New York and Washington DC. All grants have been awarded to correspond with the 2011-12 academic school year.

The 2011-12 *Relationship Grant* recipients are:

In Boston, Hartford and Washington DC:

- **REACH OUT & READ**

Continuing the Foundation's long-standing support of this organization, this year's grant supports early child literacy programs in three Foundation cities. Brown Rudnick also provides general legal counsel services to the organization on a pro bono basis.

In Boston:

- **FACING HISTORY & OURSELVES (FHAO)**

Boston-based Facing History & Ourselves is a long-time grant recipient for whom the Firm serves as General Counsel on a pro bono basis. FHAO will use



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this year's funds for new curriculum development and teacher training, and to bring a resource speaker into the classroom.

- **DISCOVERING JUSTICE**

A long-time supporter of mock trial programs, the Foundation awarded a 2011-12 grant to support the Mock Trial program that is jointly run by Discovering Justice and former grantee, Citizens Schools. Brown Rudnick has participated as mock trial coaches for over a decade, a this tradition that will continue in this grant year.

- **ARTS & BUSINESS COUNCIL OF GREATER BOSTON, INC./VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS OF MASSACHUSETTS "VLA")**

The grant will continue support for the popular Brown Rudnick/VLA Holiday Art Contest in the Boston public schools, as well as for the Teen Art Law Program which focuses on classroom teaching about intellectual property. Brown Rudnick provides pro bono legal representation to low-income artists referred by the Arts & Business Council.

- **THOMPSON ISLAND/ OUTWARD BOUND**

This long-time grant recipient will use the 2011-12 grant to support its "Connections" education program for Boston public school students. Developed in collaboration with the National Park Service, the **Connections** program enhances academic learning and social competence by challenging students to learn in new ways through in-school classroom activities revolving around field experiences on Thompson Island.

- **HULL LIFESAVING MUSEUM**

A grantee for the second consecutive year, this organization will use the grant to support its Maritime Apprentice Program which serves an older, high-risk population in Boston through work and education programs.

- **SUMMER INK**

This current Brown Rudnick pro bono client will use the grant to provide scholarship support for low-income for Boston students to attend a summer writing camp to be held at Simmons College.

In Hartford:

- **THE VILLAGE FOR FAMILIES & CHILDREN**

The grant will continue support this long-time grantee's GED programs for low-income, single mothers.

- **THE MARK TWAIN HOUSE & MUSEUM**

This first time recipient will use grant funds for to build on a pilot summer reading and writing program for 10th graders which began last year at the



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museum as part of a six-week summer learning academy for students from the Capital Preparatory Magnet School.

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In New York City:

- **BRONX SCHOOL FOR LAW, GOVERNMENT & JUSTICE**

As a second-year grantee, this organization will use the 2011-12 grant to support its award-winning debate team, The Bronx Great Debaters.

In Providence:

- **PROVIDENCE PLAN (Ready2Learn Program)**

The grant will continue support for this long-time grant recipient, specifically for its successful early learning program which works with libraries, head start programs and family day care centers throughout the city to insure that young children arrive at school age healthy and ready to learn. Grant funds provide essential matching dollars to secure federal AmeriCorps volunteers. Brown Rudnick provides general counsel services to the Providence Plan on a pro bono basis.

In Washington DC:

- **UNITED STATES CAPITOL HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The grant will provide a third year of support for historical and educational programming in Washington, D.C. middle schools which connects in-class teaching about the Constitution with the student "We the People Constitution Tour" of the nation's Capitol. Additionally, the grant will fund the Brown Rudnick created "Constitutional Challenge," essay contest for students who took the tour.

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