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**TWO HARTFORD EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS RECEIVE GRANTS FROM BROWN
RUDNICK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION**

*Insight/Foresight Grants Awarded to
Hartford Education Foundation and Catholic Family Services*

Boston, MA, September 22, 2004 – Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., a non-profit, tax-exempt entity established by Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP, awards two of its Insight/Foresight grants to the Hartford Education Foundation and to the Southside Family House/Catholic Family Services. The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation's Insight/Foresight Grant Program provides funding to assist educators with small, concrete projects or needs, which will make an improvement in inner city education in Boston, Hartford, Providence or New York within the coming year. The grant applications and an explanation of the program can be found at <http://www.brownrudnickcenter.com/grant.asp>.

Hartford Education Foundation will use the funds to purchase membership in *The JASON Project™*, (www.jasonproject.org), a multi-disciplinary program that sparks the imagination of students and enhances the classroom experience by bringing science to life and taking advantage of cutting edge technology. Thanks to the grant, five high school biology classes at the Pathway to Technology Hartford Magnet High School will have the opportunity to explore science, through interactive research and hands-on learning with *The JASON Project*.

Southside Family House, a program of Catholic Family Services, will use the grant to purchase materials and supplies for its Jumpstart Kindergarten program, which provides high quality education to children of all races and religions, as well as to families who will support children's learning at home. The one time purchase will allow teachers to expand their literacy activities and include families in education, ensuring children are ready when they enter kindergarten. (more)



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The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation is supported by the Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest, the umbrella entity encompassing the Firm's pro bono legal work, charitable giving, community involvement and public interest efforts.

Comments Albert Wallis, Executive Director of the Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest, "We are delighted to award grants to these worthy Hartford-based organizations. In supporting such science and literacy programs, we hope to enrich the Hartford school curriculum and the lives of attending students. Improving inner-city education is the fundamental mission of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation."

About Hartford Education Foundation

Hartford Education Foundation, created in 2002, is a community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting excellence in the Hartford Public Schools. It supports innovative programs, partnerships and collaborations to improve the quality of education for all children in the Hartford Public Schools. The Foundation works with, but is independent of, the Hartford Public School. For more information, visit www.thinkhartfordschools.org.

About Catholic Family Services

Catholic Charities/Catholic Family Services is a family and children's human services agency providing day care services to children of all races and religions. Since its inception in 1920 as the Diocesan Bureau of Social Services, Catholic Charities/Catholic Family Services has responded to the ever-changing needs of children, teens, adults, and families without regard to race, religion, or economic circumstances. The organization is affiliated with Catholic Charities USA, the largest private network of social service organizations in the United States. For more information, visit www.cccfs.org.

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