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## BROWN RUDNICK SPREADS HOLIDAY CHEER TO HARTFORD COMMUNITY

*Hartford attorneys raise funds, donate PC's and sponsor events*

**Boston, MA, December 15, 2005** – Brown Rudnick, a premier, international law firm, today announced that its Hartford office will make a charitable donation to seven area not-for-profit and community organizations. This outpouring of support is the result of a year-end effort to give back to the community, and the latest example of the firm's ongoing commitment to the City of Hartford and neighboring towns. All charitable giving initiatives are coordinated through 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.

The firm will donate \$2,500 to **Operation Fuel**, a private, not-for-profit organization that provides emergency energy assistance to elderly, disabled and low-income working poor families who are facing financial crisis and are not eligible for government benefits. For more information, visit [www.operationfuel.org](http://www.operationfuel.org).

Completing a fundraising campaign that began before Thanksgiving, Brown Rudnick made a donation to **Foodshare, Inc.**, a regional food bank that distributes 13 tons of food per day to 350 local programs to feed hungry people in Hartford and Tolland Counties. Foodshare provides food to food pantries, community kitchens, shelters, and other social service organizations in every town in greater Hartford. These programs serve 100,000 people in Greater Hartford each year – 40,000 of whom are children. For more information, visit [www.foodshare.org](http://www.foodshare.org).

Additionally, Brown Rudnick donated eight refurbished PCs (a total 24 PCs) to each of the following Hartford educational institutions: **Tolland Education Foundation, Inc.**, which sponsors innovation and excellence in the Tolland Public School System; **East Windsor High School** for use in classrooms; and **Heritage Baptist Academy**.

Brown Rudnick chose to help sponsor several Hartford events throughout the year, as well. The firm made a donation to the ***In the Company of Women*** fundraiser luncheon to support the YWCA. Donations were also made in support of **St. Mary's Hospital** and the local Arts community.



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Finally, to promote community beautification, Brown Rudnick will sponsor four planters in the Asylum Street area in the upcoming spring and summer months.

According to Franca L. DeRosa, a partner in the Hartford Office and Co-Vice President of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., "The holiday season is an important time for charitable giving. This year, with local non-profits being strained by relief efforts for national emergencies such as Hurricane Katrina, we decided to focus closer to home. This season we aim to help keep Connecticut families warm and fed, support culture and the arts, and improve inner-city education."

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The Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest is a measure of the Firm's strong commitment to the community and serves as an umbrella entity encompassing the Firm's pro bono legal work, charitable giving, community involvement and public interest efforts. The Center supports the mission of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., which provides grants in support of improving inner city education. For more information about the Center, please visit [www.brownrudnickcenter.com](http://www.brownrudnickcenter.com).

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