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### The [Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation](#) Awards *Community Grant* to New Community for Children in Washington DC

**Boston, MA, May 20, 2009** – The [Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp.](#), a nonprofit, tax-exempt entity established by attorneys from Brown Rudnick LLP, today announced that it has awarded a [Community Grant](#) to the [New Community for Children](#) (NCFC) to purchase age-appropriate library books in support of the school's A.B.L.E. (Adolescents Building Literacy through Expression) program. Developed for 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders, the A.B.L.E. program provides creative educational activities that enrich and enhance the literacy of NCFC students.

Located in the Shaw neighborhood of Washington, DC, NCFC empowers children through educational, cultural, and spiritual enrichment. NCFC works with parents, teachers, the community, and other social service organizations in the District of Columbia to address the comprehensive educational needs of children. NCFC prepares students for post-secondary education, careers, and/or vocational training to become responsible, productive adults who, in turn, give their time and talents back to their communities.

Dr. Dwayne Williams, A.B.L.E. program director and grant applicant, commented, "NCFC is building a library of books that will help our adolescent students gain, through reading, knowledge and exposure of the wide range of human experiences that can define a person's life. Brown Rudnick's *Community Grant* will help purchase fiction and non-fiction books that examine adolescence from different local, regional, and global perspectives. This collection will serve as an important resource in supporting our A.B.L.E. program."

Al Wallis, Executive Director of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., added, "A well-developed literacy strategy maximizes a student's comprehension, retention and engagement. The Foundation is pleased to support NCFC's A.B.L.E. program, which is geared specifically to encourage 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders to appreciate reading within the greater context of social and cultural learning."

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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