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[The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation](#) Awards *Community Grant* to Community Preparatory School in Providence, Rhode Island

Boston, MA, April 22, 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 **Community Preparatory School** in Providence, Rhode Island. The grant will support the “All-School Show,” an annual, original stage production collaboratively created by students and the creative arts instructor, and performed before an audience of peers, family, and the Providence community. A highlight of the school year, this production allows students to take their creativity to a higher level and brings the entire community together.

Community Preparatory School, an independent, non-profit school that serves Greater Providence area students in grades three through eight, is celebrating its 25th anniversary. The school offers smaller classes, challenging academics and a positive, nurturing environment along with the cultural and economic diversity of a public school.

According to Janine Lee, Creative Arts Instructor at Community Preparatory School and grant applicant, “Because we are an independent school, we do not have access to government funds, so we must seek assistance from local charitable organizations to produce the ‘All-School Show.’ Thanks to the continued support of partners such as Brown Rudnick, we can offer this kind of fun and educational program to students in the Greater Providence area.”

This is the second grant that the Foundation has awarded to the Community Preparatory School. In 2008, the Foundation provided a grant for the purchase of new fifth-grade books on science, health and fitness. Al Wallis, Executive Director of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., commented, “We applaud the commitment of teacher like Janine Lee and schools such as the Community Preparatory School for their continued efforts in these challenging times to offer an innovative curriculum that integrates opportunities to expand students’ cultural awareness. We are pleased to be able to support those efforts..”

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



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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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About Community Preparatory School

Community Preparatory School was founded in 1984 by Dan Corley and Bob Hahn to give children in the Greater Providence area a chance for a better education. With 90 percent of students receiving substantial financial aid, Community Prep represents a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds and creates a uniquely diverse and rigorous learning environment for children in grades 3 through 8. More than 92 percent of Community Prep graduates are accepted to college-preparatory high school programs and 82 percent continue onto college. Visit www.communityprep.org for more information.

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