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The [Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation](#) Awards *Community Grant* to John Marshall Elementary School in Dorchester, Massachusetts

Boston, MA, April 16, 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 **John Marshall Elementary School** to fund two educational field trips for 100 first-grade students. The students will visit the Boston Science Museum in the spring to learn about weather, renewable energy and climate change. In the fall, first-graders will tour the New England Aquarium to discover aquatic organisms.

Kerline Beazer, a John Marshall Teacher and grant applicant, said, “The vast majority of our students are children of color from families with limited economic resources. In light of recent budget cuts, we must rely on the support of philanthropic organizations to fund extracurricular activities such as these important student field trips. We are grateful for Brown Rudnick’s generous assistance.”

Al Wallis, Executive Director of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., added, “Assisting front-line educators is at the core of the Foundation’s mission to improve inner-city education through Community Grants. The field trips will offer an opportunity for the John Marshall students to experience new environments and gain hands-on learning that is tied to the class curriculum.”

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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