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### **Brown Rudnick's Hartford Office Warms the Holiday Season with Charitable Gifts for Local Not-For-Profit Organizations**

**Boston, MA, December 22, 2008** – Brown Rudnick's Hartford, Connecticut office has made charitable donations to four area not-for-profit community organizations. This assistance is consistent with the Firm's ongoing mission to support local communities in which the Firm has offices. 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.

Franca L. DeRosa, a partner in the Hartford Office commented, "Every year we make charitable giving a priority. This year, in the face of the global economic downturn, it seemed more important than ever to support our local not-for-profit community organizations. I am delighted that Brown Rudnick can assist these worthy groups so that they have adequate resources to continue to serve the greater Hartford community."

The firm donated \$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.

As Brown Rudnick has done for the last several years, the Hartford office participated in a campaign to "adopt" families of students in the Hartford Public School system. Working with Tammy Cassile-Kyparidis, the Principal of the newly opened **Breakthrough II Magnet School** in Hartford's North End, Brown Rudnick provided holiday gifts for families in need at that school. Brown Rudnick employees purchased winter coats, boots, clothing and toys for the children.

Additionally, Brown Rudnick donated \$175 to **TheaterWorks**, a non-profit professional theater company in downtown Hartford that is experiencing economic difficulty. TheaterWorks is dedicated to producing unique repertory that addresses a broad variety of community issues. This professional off-Broadway-style theater extends its artistic mission through its Education and Outreach Program, which provides free tickets to thousands of students, as well as nearly 100 different non-profit community organizations.



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Brown Rudnick also supported **Brady's Smile**, a memorial foundation for Brady Blaine Hinton, the nephew of Brown Rudnick attorney Katie Hinton. This organization was created to promote, improve, protect and sustain the health, emotional well-being and social development of children in need, including children suffering from illness or disability, children at risk and under served children. Brady's Smile provides financial assistance to defray medical expenses and seeks to establish a scholarship program for educational institutions benefiting children in need.

Lastly, Brown Rudnick held a book drive and gave a cash donation to **The Junior League of Greater New Haven, Inc.**, a not-for-profit women's organization that provides leadership, volunteer training, and service opportunities to less-enfranchised women in the City of New Haven and its surrounding communities.

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