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## **The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Awards *Community Grant* to P.S. 168 School in the South Bronx, New York**

**Boston, MA, March 3, 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 one of its Community Grants to the **P.S. 168 in the South Bronx, New York**. The grant will support the purchase of new reading materials for kindergarten through second-grade students who have emotional disturbance issues and learning disabilities. The materials will help these children learn how to read and write using a multi-sensory approach in conjunction with the school's Preventing Academic Failure Program.

Nicole Sivilich, P.S. 168 teacher, said, "The Brown Rudnick grant will help to provide an amazing learning opportunity for students at our school. They will learn their letter sounds and the way to write each letter properly using an innovative multi-sensory approach. The program helps these children not simply to be able to read and write, but also to build self-esteem and enjoy attending school."

Albert W. Wallis, executive director of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., commented, "Studies from the National Institutes of Child Health and Human Development have shown that for children with difficulties learning to read, a multi-sensory teaching method is a highly effective strategy. We are pleased to assist P.S. 168 in offering such a program to students in the school's kindergarten through second-grade classrooms."

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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