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Brown Rudnick Supports Reach Out and Read, School Readiness

Grant will support Reach Out and Read Programs in Boston, Hartford, and Washington, DC

BOSTON, MA (November 2, 2010) – Today, the [Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation](#) awarded a 2010-2011 Relationship Grant of \$30,000 to [Reach Out and Read](#) to support the nonprofit school readiness organization's programs in Boston, MA, Hartford, CT, and Washington, DC. The funding will provide critical support to existing Reach Out and Read Programs as well as the organization's expansion efforts in those urban areas.

The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., a non-profit, tax-exempt entity established by Brown Rudnick LLP that supports the improvement of inner-city education, will also provide pro bono legal services to Reach Out and Read.

Reach Out and Read prepares America's youngest children to succeed in school by partnering with doctors to prescribe books and encourage families to read together. Doctors and other medical professionals incorporate Reach Out and Read's evidence-based model into regular pediatric checkups, by advising parents about the importance of reading aloud and giving developmentally-appropriate books to children. Children served by Reach Out and Read enter kindergarten better prepared to succeed, with larger vocabularies, stronger language skills, and a six-month developmental edge over their peers.

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“Brown Rudnick is a key partner in our efforts to combat illiteracy and ensure school success,” said Earl Martin Phalen, CEO of Reach Out and Read. “Across the nation, Brown Rudnick invests in proven programs that make a significant impact in the lives of children and their families. Reach Out and Read is honored to once again be among those receiving funding from the Charitable Foundation this year.”

“In each of the communities which the Foundation serves, Brown Rudnick actively seeks opportunities to partner with organizations striving to make a significant improvement in inner-city education,” said Al Wallis, Executive Director of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp. “We are particularly proud of our multi-year partnership with Reach Out and Read, which has helped many children develop critical early reading skills.”

Today, Reach Out and Read serves more than 56,000 children and families through 56 community hospitals and clinics in Boston, Hartford, and Washington.

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About Reach Out and Read

Reach Out and Read is an evidence-based, national nonprofit organization that prepares America's youngest children to succeed in school by partnering with doctors to prescribe books and encourage families to read together. Reach Out and Read currently serves one-third of the most impoverished children in the U.S. The Reach Out and Read model is endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the program has one of the strongest records of research support of any primary care intervention. This year, Reach Out and Read's 27,000 volunteer doctors and nurse practitioners will provide 6.4 million new books to 3.9 million children at 4,654 healthcare locations in all 50 states. For further information, please visit Reach Out and Read's website at www.reachoutandread.org.

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