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Brown Rudnick Continues Support of the School for Young Children on Asylum Hill

Charitable Grant Helps School to Purchase Educational Equipment for Special Needs Children

Boston, MA and Hartford, CT, December 4, 2006 – The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., a nonprofit, tax-exempt entity established by attorneys from Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP, today announced that it has awarded one of its Insight/Foresight Grants to the **School for Young Children on Asylum Hill (SYCAH)** in Hartford, Connecticut. The grant will be used to purchase sensory integration equipment -- such as gymnic balls, learning and language games, and other early childhood educational materials -- for children with special needs. Brown Rudnick has supported SYCAH since the school's opening in September 2006, when the Foundation awarded one of its annual *Relationship Grants* to furnish a classroom and purchase teaching materials. The firm also offers pro bono and volunteer support to SYCAH through its Hartford office.

The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation's Insight/Foresight Grant Program provides funding to assist educators with small, concrete projects or needs, which will make an improvement in inner-city education in Boston, Hartford, Providence or New York within the coming year. The grant applications and an explanation of the program can be found at <http://www.brownrudnickcenter.com/grant.asp>.

According to Ms. Beth Bye, Early Childhood Education Director at Capitol Region Education Council, "We are grateful for Brown Rudnick's continued support of our educational program. It is not just the financial support that has been instrumental in the project launch and development, but also the pro bono legal guidance and volunteer efforts that have helped make SYAH a success."

"The current grant will allow us to acquire sensory integration equipment, which is essential in providing needed supports for children that will help improve their gross motor skills," continued Ms. Bye. "The equipment is therapeutic not only for children with special needs, but can also be beneficial for typical developing children."

The School for Young Children on Asylum Hill is a socially and economically integrated preschool serving urban and suburban children from birth through grade three. A collaborative project among Capitol Region Education Council (CREC), Asylum Hill Congregational Church and Saint Joseph College, this school was established to improve



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the educational outcomes of young children in a racially and socio-economically diverse learning environment.

Comments Albert W. Wallis, executive director of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., "The School for Young Children on Asylum Hill provides an important educational service to special needs children who live in urban and suburban communities. The school's specialized program fills a gap in the public education system, enabling preschoolers with special needs to learn in a manner best-suited to their abilities."

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