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**THE BISON SCHOLARSHIP FUND ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP DONATION FROM
PHILLIPS LYTLE LLP**

***With law firm's contribution, 28 scholarships will be underwritten for
low income families and children***

BUFFALO, NY – The BISON Scholarship Fund today announced a scholarship donation from Phillips Lytle LLP, a full service law firm with statewide coverage, to help local families send their child to the private school of their choice. With Phillips Lytle's contribution, twenty-eight scholarships will be underwritten for the 2008-2009 school year.

"The BISON Fund salutes Phillips Lytle not only for their wonderful generosity, but for their belief that an investment in our scholarship fund recipients is truly an investment in the future of this great community," said Kathleen Christy, executive director, BISON Scholarship Fund. "Education is what will keep our communities viable - especially when we support the education and future of our youngsters. Phillips Lytle has truly given 'the gift of a choice in education' to 28 deserving low-income children, and on their behalf - we thank them."

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The BISON Fund is a privately funded scholarship program that focuses on economically disadvantaged children from Kindergarten through 8th grade living in the city of Buffalo, Lackawanna, West Seneca, Cheektowaga, Snyder/Eggertsville, Kenmore and Town of Tonawanda. The BISON Fund is designed to give low-income families a full range of choices for their children's education, normally denied to them because of cost. Families awarded a BISON scholarship are able to enroll their child in a private or Catholic grammar school of their choice.

"Phillips Lytle is strongly committed to giving back to the communities in which we work and live. Supporting access to education and opportunities, whether at the law school, undergraduate or elementary levels, is especially gratifying for us," said David J. McNamara, managing partner at Phillips Lytle. "We are proud to partner with the BISON Fund to underwrite scholarships that will make a true difference in the lives of local students by attending the school of their choice - an opportunity that they might otherwise not have been able to experience."

Since the BISON Fund was founded in 1995, over 12,600 scholarships have been awarded to students in the City of Buffalo and surrounding areas with an economic value of nearly \$8.5 million. Currently, nearly 1,350 children receive a BISON scholarship and attend over 60 different private or parochial schools in the greater Buffalo area.

Phillips Lytle is a full-service law firm with seven offices across New York State in Buffalo, Albany, Chautauqua, Garden City, New York City and Rochester. With the farthest geographic reach of any law firm in the state of New York, they are well equipped to meet the needs of their clients.

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