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## Miller Brewing Company Awards \$150,000 in Business Grants

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Miller Urban Entrepreneur Series Announces 2007-2008 Winners

CHICAGO, May 5 /PRNewswire/ -- Miller Brewing Company announced the winners of its 2007-2008 Business Plan Competition. The top 12 winners, selected from more than 100 applicants, have earned grants totaling \$150,000. Awards was presented at a special dinner reception in Chicago on May 1, 2008.

With the motto: "Your Life. Your Time. Your Business." the Miller Urban Entrepreneurs Series and Business Plan Competition has supported the entrepreneurial spirit in thousands of young businessmen and women since 1999 by granting access to economic education, hosting seminars featuring successful entrepreneurs and providing business plan writing workshops across the country. To date, Miller has supported viable businesses by awarding nearly \$1 million through this competition.

"Not only do we want to be considered an industry leader, but also a socially responsible corporation, supporting the communities where we conduct business and live. Through the Miller Urban Entrepreneurs Series, we are taking an active role in fostering an environment for sustainable business ideas to grow," said Larry Waters, senior director of multicultural relations, Miller Brewing Company.

The 2008 grant winners represent a diverse cross section of industries from elderly and disabled care to fashion design. And Miller hopes the grants will help these worthy entrepreneurs advance their business and foster economic empowerment and development in their communities.

The grand prize winner received \$35,000 and the remaining winners received grants of either \$15,000 or \$5,000 to use as start-up capital or to expand existing businesses. This year, the drama and intensity of the highly selective competition was captured on film. The competition is documented from finalist selection, presentations, judging, and to the selection of the final winners. The webisodes can be seen on <http://www.millermues.com> in May.

"We are proud to provide the needed resources to this unique group of entrepreneurs who are diligently working to improve their communities and industries they represent," shares Michael A. Jones, senior vice president and general counsel, Miller Brewing Company.

The new 2007 - 2008 MUES Business Plan Competition winners are:

Monica G. Coleman and Jamarr E. Rawlinson - \$35,000  
Austell, Ga.

Creative Connections Mobile Barbershop, LLC, is a full-service and fully mobile barbershop and beauty salon offering professional and courteous grooming services in the comfort of the client's surroundings. Targeting assisted living communities, retirement homes, and active adult communities, is an innovative concept that is a timely and direct response to the needs of the country's growing populations of senior citizens.

Willie Bass and Majaliwa DeRamus - \$15,000  
Carrollton, Texas

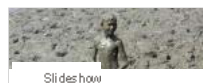
DeBass Recycling, a Dallas-area based company, provides residents of condos, apartments, and etc. with an easier way to recycle. Starting at just \$10 a month, DeBass picks up recyclables from the doorsteps of residents in multi-unit dwellings to make it easier for them to recycle. Not only does it provide an affordable and convenient service to residents, it also helps the environment.

Nicholas and Zarinah Curry - \$15,000  
Roanoke, Texas

My Little One, is a children's retail store offering a variety of affordable clothing for newborns through children sizes 7. Owned by husband and wife team Nicholas and Zarinah Curry, My Little One believes "growth is stylish, comfortable and affordable." Targeting working class families, My Little One offers specially designed clothing for children, such as mix and match sets at competitive prices.

Lorenzo D. Gayden - \$15,000  
Jackson, Miss.

Sanaa Fine Art and Framing, spotlights the ever-fascinating African American fine art world. Owner Lorenzo Gayden's visionary gallery offers art connoisseurs the opportunity to enjoy diverse and exceptional pieces created by local and international artist. Catering to an underrepresented faction of the art world, Sanaa Fine Art and Framing will also handle custom framing for delicate and priceless pieces of works to be cherished by art lovers of all kinds.

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Octavia Manuel - \$15,000  
Milwaukee, Wis.

Community Healthcare Training Center, LLC, will provide students with the skills and education necessary to become Certified Nursing Assistants in the State of Wisconsin through advanced computer technology, state of the art medical training, hands on experience and a state approved training curriculum.

ToTo NYC  
Tori Nichel - \$15,000

Brooklyn, N.Y.

ToTo, is a high end women's contemporary clothing collection based in Brooklyn, NY. Creative Director and CEO, Tori Nicele Gibbs, better known in the industry as Tori Nichel, has created this visionary clothing line with the most fabulous fashionista in mind. Her designs have been featured in magazines such as Lucky, Elle, and Essence. Nichel was given the distinction of "Five Designers to Watch" by Forbes.com.

Pearlina and Jerome Simmons - \$15,000  
Alpharetta, Ga.

The Simmons Strategy Group, is ready to provide any business owner with the tools and directions to launching and maintaining a successful business. Created by Pearlina and Jerome Simmons, The Simmons Strategy Group is a socially conscious enterprise targeting minority and women owned businesses. The Simmons Strategy Group provides businesses with the tools to increase sales and revenues, increase bottom line, as well as make a large impact on society.

Emile Cambry, Jr. and William Dorsey, M.D. - \$5,000  
Chicago, Ill.

Savvy Doc, Inc., is a web-based platform for patients to find the perfect doctor. Created by Dr. William Dorsey and Emile Cambry, Jr., patients are able to learn more about prospective healthcare providers through reviews from others, as well as schedule appointments with doctors registered to the SavvyDoc website. The SavvyDoc website allows patients to search for a doctor by specialty, location, insurance, and appointment availability.

Danielle Davis - \$5,000  
Ypsilanti, Mich.

Divine Comforters Bereavement Services Group LLC, brings a personal touch along with creativity to the funeral industry. Divine Comforters is a funeral planning company that provides non-traditional funeral coordinating and consulting services. This unique company offers a one-stop location for personalized and creative funeral products and services.

Sheba C. Mays - \$5,000  
Milwaukee, Wis.

Intercessory Living Center, is an Adult Family Center in Milwaukee, Wis., catering to women in need. The facility will provide assistance with activities of daily living, social and community services and health monitoring services that meet the unique needs of women with developmental disabilities in a residential setting.

Meleika Mohamoud, Angela Flowers and Dakota King-White - \$5,000  
South Euclid, Ohio

Making A Difference Consulting, LLC is dedicated to providing a safe, nurturing and supportive environment for youth, parents, educators and community leaders. MAD, LLC focuses on helping youth succeed and become productive citizens by using a holistic approach, which will focus on the academic, emotional, social and spiritual, needs of all youth while providing a meaningful experience.

John Weaver and Karen Jackson Weaver - \$5,000  
Princeton, N.J.

Precurit, a web-based software, is available to recruiters to assist in reducing the load of finding qualified candidates by limiting the field. Precurit can successfully be used to match employers and colleges with the best candidates. The company allows clients to easily create customizable, interactive websites for recruiting campaigns. Precurit also provides recruiters with a platform that empowers former candidates to get involved in the recruiting process and engage prospective candidates.

Throughout the lifetime of the program, Miller Brewing Company has partnered with several community organizations to make the program more accessible to the core target. This collaboration has fostered ongoing support of economic growth and education by offering young business leaders access to numerous business resources and a chance to win grants. Proprietors of innovative business ideas and already existing unique upstarts looking for a competitive edge have attended the brewery's leading business seminars offered by its community partnering organizations.

Committed to creating strong communities across America, Milwaukee-based Miller Brewing Company invests millions of dollars each year through community initiatives, taxes paid and local goods and services purchased. The company's platform for corporate social investment and community partnership is Miller REACH(TM), which focuses on five primary causes: Responsibility, Employment, AIDS/HIV, Cultural Diversity and Heritage Initiatives. Miller is the oldest major brewer in America, celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2005, and is a wholly owned subsidiary of SABMiller plc, one of the world's largest brewers. More information about Miller Brewing Company is available at the company's corporate web site, <http://www.MillerBrewing.com>.

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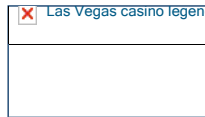
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