



Whirlpool® Brand Mother of Invention Grant



Business grants for motherly ingenuity

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Whirlpool brand is taking the opportunity to evaluate the Mother of Invention grant program and will not host an invention competition in 2009. Currently, we are determining the best approach and resources for Whirlpool to engage and foster mompreneurs. We will continue to encourage and provide our grant recipients with business counsel. Additionally, we thank all the moms who have supported the program for the last four years. Whirlpool continues to be impressed with their ingenuity and wishes everyone the best of luck in their endeavors.

And the Winners Are...

Grand Prize Winner

Estelle Keeter of Matteson, IL created the "MEDPACK", a temperature-controlled case for medications.

First Prize Winner - Traditional

Cameo McGraw-Horton of Bothell, WA created improvements to a pet leash which offers flexibility for owners and added safety for animals when walking a pet.

First Prize Winner - Green

Catherine Kay of Silver Spring, MD created a product to help with potty training.

Second Prize Winner - Traditional

Veletta Rouse of Riviera Beach, FL created a product to help those with a cleft lip and palate.

Second Prize Winner - Green

Erika Berry of Ada, MI created the CleanyBeany. The product will be made of recyclable materials and is a container to fit on a dog's leash and to hold money, refuse bags and wipes, in addition to a flashlight for safety.

The following are a list of Whirlpool® brand Mother of Invention Grant Top 30 finalists who did not place in the top five for prizes. The executive and guest judging panels found the following mothers' inventions, products or services well worth commendation.

Paige Akabane	Danville, CA with	Sonya Gilkey	Atlanta, GA
Michelle Wong	Danville, CA	Monika Hall	Saint Charles, IL
Lisa Aloï	Leland, NC	Leslie Haywood	Charleston, SC
Gwen Austin	Denver, CO	Melissa Herzog	Woodinville, WA
Ghamari Krista Barnett	Laurelton, NY	Mindy Hickman	Houston, TX
Cathy Bennett	Walnut Creek, CA	Lyntoya Knotts	Orangeburg, SC
Paige Burton	Clifton, VA	Amy Koldyke	Highlands Ranch, CO
Jodi Carr	LaFayette, NY	Sharon Liddle	Norfolk, VA
Allison Costa	Studio City, CA	Allison Murphy	Bend, OR
Ateba Crocker	Chesapeake, VA	Maryann Santos	Sanford, FL
Jonelle Davis	Chandler, AZ	Laura Vitale	Columbia, IL
Kaity Drury	Douglasville, GA	Elizabeth Williams	Sacramento, CA with
Jillian Ezekiel	Flushing, NY	Nichole Beaudry	Sacramento, CA
Darlene Farley	Lakewood, CO	Julie Yenichek	Cornelius, NC

Congratulations to all of our winners!