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The BMOA Wheels of Dreams Youth Foundation Awards 6 Scholarships and Announces June and July free visits by the BMOA Wheels of Dreams Bus to Atlanta Fulton County Library System Locations

ATLANTA (June 6, 2008) — The BMOA Wheels of Dreams Youth Foundation is helping to address the challenging issues of providing relevant programs and positive role models for “at-risk” high school students with Wheels of Dreams Youth Foundation Program and the Wheels of Dreams Bus Program. More than 7,000 students have participated in the unique Wheels of Dreams programs and have discovered pathways to their dreams of becoming an entrepreneur, going to college and becoming community volunteers.

The Wheels of Dreams is a free, innovative and exciting supplemental educational program that provides low-income, at-risk and underserved students experiences in areas that include; entrepreneur ideas, mentors, computer skills, job, career, money management, healthy eating tips, exercise hints and civic responsibility lessons.

The mission of the Atlanta Region Black McDonald’s Operators Association, BMOA, is to provide entrepreneur education, mentors and civic responsibility lessons to help youth push back the negative influences of gangs, drugs and violence. The Wheels of Dreams Youth Foundation was founded by the 30 members of the BMOA in 2003. The Wheels of Dreams Youth Foundation, Inc. is non-profit certified 501 (c)-3 organization and sponsors the Wheels of Dreams Bus.

The BMOA Wheels of Dreams Youth Foundation congratulates the six students who are the awardees of the BMOA Wheels of Dreams Youth Foundation 2008 College Scholarships. The following six students will receive a four year \$1,000 a year college scholarship as part of the long standing commitment to education by the BMOA.

The students received the scholarships by attending programs on the Wheels of Dreams Bus, school grades, financial circumstances, personal achievements,

community involvement and civic responsibility. This is the second year; six BMOA Wheels of Dreams Youth Foundation Scholarships have been awarded.

The 2008 BMOA Wheels of Dreams Youth Foundation College Scholarship awardees from Benjamin Banneker High School are Jasmine Allen, Carolyn Kelly and LaBresha Gilmore. The awardees from Frederick Douglass High School are Frederick Johnson Jr., Miller Johnson IV, and Chamayne Reid.

“With the support of our partners including the Greater Atlanta McDonald’s Operators Association, The Coca-Cola Company and those who attend our Celebrity Golf Classic we are helping make dreams come true for youth who really need our help,” said John Hurt, President of the BMOA Wheels of Dreams Youth Foundation.

“We have found the measure of a student’s education should be determined by how many persons may profit as a result of their knowledge. We are helping youth who are committed to hard work, teamwork, and ethics and plan to give back to their community in a really big way,” added Hurt.

The BMOA Wheels of Dreams Bus will also provide free Library System visits that are open to middle and high school youth on a first sign-up, first seated ½ hour basis.

June and July visits by the BMOA Wheels of Dreams Bus are to the Atlanta Fulton County Library System. Middle School and High School youth are invited to attend free of charge. To sign up; call the Atlanta Fulton County Library Branch contact. For more information please visit www.bmoawheelsofdreams.org.

- 1 Dogwood Branch— Saturday, June 7, 2008; 11:00 AM -3:00 PM
Contact: Vincent Chukumah; 404-792-4961
- 2 South Fulton Regional Library— Monday, June 9; 11:00 AM -3:00 PM
Contact: Gabrielle Taylor; 770-306-3093
- 3 Adams Park Branch— Tuesday, June 10; 10:00 AM- 3:00 PM
Contact: Angela Margerum; 404-752-8763
- 4 East Point Branch— Thursday June 12; 12:00 AM -3:00 PM
Contact: Derek Wilson; 404-762-4842
- 5 Adamsville-Collier Heights— Tuesday, June 17; 11 a.m. -3:00 PM
Contact: Michelle Bennett; 404-699-4206
- 6 Washington Park Branch— Thursday, June 19; 10:00 AM -3:00 PM
Contact: Annette Jenkins; 404-752-8760

7 West End Library Branch— Thursday, July 10; 10:00 AM 3:00 PM
Contact: Cassi Gwyn; 404-752-8741

8 Stewart Lakewood Branch— Monday July 14; 12:00 Noon -3:00 PM
Contact: Vicky Lajesse-404-762-4054

**Photo IDs for attached photos;
2008 BMOA Wheels of Dreams Youth Foundation College Scholarship
Winners**

**(L-R Douglass High School Principal J. Austin Brown; BMOA Member,
Shiroleen Hurt, scholarship winner-Miller Johnson IV, BMOA Wheels of
Dreams Bus Entrepreneur Educator, Mia Myers)**



“I am honored to receive the BMOA Wheels of Dreams Youth Foundation College Scholarship for my work at Douglass high school and my volunteer work in the community. The scholarship will help me as I attend the University of Florida and major in political science. I have a dream to one day practice law, become an elected official and help my community every way I can,” said Miller Johnson IV.

(L-R Chamayne Reid Douglass High School BMOA Wheels of Dreams Youth Foundation 2008 Scholarship winner and BMOA Wheels of Dreams Bus Entrepreneur Educator, Mia Myers on the Wheels of Dreams Bus)



“I plan to major in education at Paine College and winning the BMOA Wheels of Dreams Youth Foundation College Scholarship will help make my career dreams come true. I will study to get my Doctorate degree and become an administrator in the school system and open my own charter school in Atlanta for special needs children to help them receive a first-rate education,” said Chamayne Reid.

2008 BMOA Wheels of Dreams Youth Foundation College Scholarship Winner Miller Johnson IV at a workstation on the Wheels of Dreams Bus



“My experience on the Wheels of Dreams Bus and learning how to plan my career is important in light of Barack Obama’s inspirational bid to become president. I want to serve my Atlanta and my community as an elected official just like Obama wants to unite and serve our country,” said Miller Johnson IV.