

"In my first year participating with this program, I was truly impressed with the progress and creativity these moms have made with their inventions," said Pope. "This program serves as a reminder that moms are truly some of the best inventors."

Additional awards and winners include:

Traditional Category

First Prize: \$7,000 grant, Whirlpool brand dishwasher and Duet Sport® laundry pair

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

Second Prize: \$5,000 grant, a Whirlpool brand dishwasher and Duet Sport® laundry pair

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

Green Category

First Prize: \$7,000 grant, Whirlpool brand refrigerator with water filtration

- **Catherine Kay** of Silver Spring, Md. created a product to help with potty training.

Second Prize: \$5,000 grant and a Whirlpool brand refrigerator with water filtration

- **Erika Berry** of Ada, Mich. 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.

Information about the 2008 Whirlpool Brand Mother of Invention Grant Program, this year's recipients and top 30 finalists is available at www.whirlpool.com/moms.

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Whirlpool Brand Mother of Invention Grant

While the 2008 Whirlpool Brand Mother of Invention Grant provides the means to jump start a business, moms will still have complete autonomy over their business venture. The ideas submitted in this contest remain the sole property of the contestant. The judges and the sponsors do not claim ownership of any ideas submitted. Whirlpool will maintain a cloak of confidentiality around submissions, allowing winners time to seek patent protection. Appliance and appliance component submissions will not be accepted and will be disqualified.

About Whirlpool Brand

Whirlpool Corporation is the world's leading manufacturer and marketer of major home appliances with annual sales of approximately \$19 billion and more than 73,000 employees. The brand recognizes that consumers lead busy, active lives and continues to create solutions that help consumers optimize productivity in the home. In addition to designing appliance solutions based on consumer insight, Whirlpool brand is dedicated to creating ENERGY STAR® qualified appliances like the Duet® Steam washer, which uses up to 73 percent less water and 77 percent less energy than conventional washers – helping consumers save money and natural resources. Whirlpool is one of Habitat for Humanity's largest corporate partners, donating a refrigerator and range to every new Habitat for Humanity home built in North America. Additional information about the company can be found at <http://www.whirlpoolcorp.com>.