

# The Business Album

## *11 winners receive Greater Baltimore Committee's 2008 'Bridging the Gap' minority business awards*

Six Baltimore-area companies, two nonprofits, a majority-minority partnership, and two individuals were named winners of the Greater Baltimore Committee's 2008 Bridging the Gap Awards.

The awards were presented on Oct. 8 during ceremonies honoring minority-owned and women-owned firms for achievement and others for their efforts to strengthen minority business development. The awards event was held at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture.

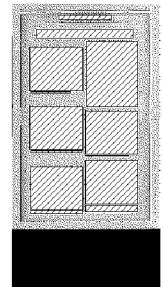
Winners for outstanding business achievement ranged from minority-owned information technology firms to a small, woman-owned heavy construction business. Winners also included a major health system, a prominent bank, and a partnership between a national majority-owned development company and a local group of minority-owned developers and builders.

Business award winners were: Audacious Inquiry LLC; BITHGROUP Technologies Inc.; Caring Through the Spiritual Eye Inc.; Project PLASE Inc.; Stella May Contracting Inc.; Johns Hopkins Health System; M&T Bank; East Baltimore Development Inc.; and a partnership consisting of Forest City New East Baltimore Partnership LLC, Presidential Partners: Art Enterprises LLC, Banks Construction, Harrison Development LLC, Lambda Development, E. Smith Legacy and The Wilkinson Group.

Also, the President's Award went to Thomas B. Corey, chief of Baltimore City's Minority and Women Business Opportunity Office; and Franklin M. Lee, partner, Tydings and Rosenberg LLP.

Award winners were selected from nominations submitted by businesses, civic organizations, employees, customers, elected officials and government agencies.

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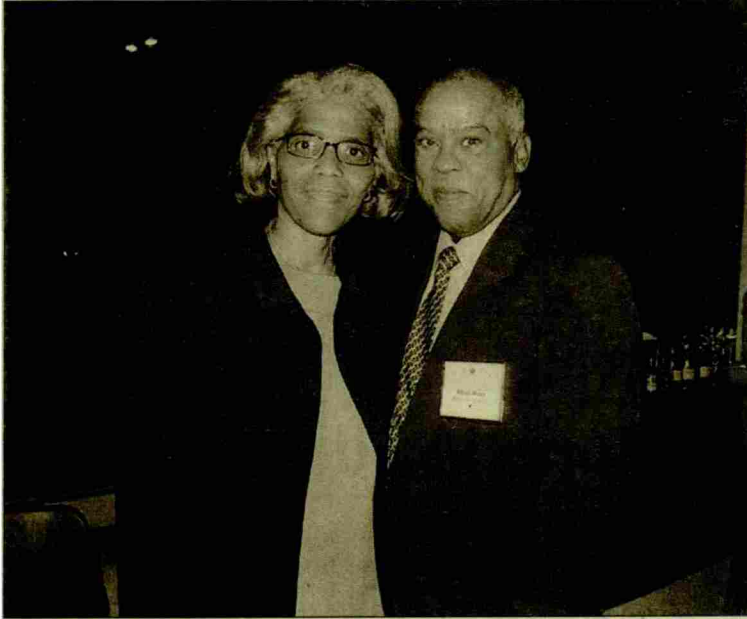




**DeVita Morris and Stanley Pierre, Banks Construction/Development.**



**From left, Katrina Mitchell-Cooper, Neb Demessie, and Jonathan Everett, MedStar Health.**



**Rosaly Fugett Wiley and Elliott A. Wiley, president, REJ & Associates Inc.**



**Thomas B. Corey, Minority and Women Business Opportunity Office, Baltimore City; and Sandra Kurtinitis, Community College of Baltimore County.**



**From left, Kimberly Clark, Baltimore Development Corp.; Clarence Bishop, Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development; Mary Slicher, Project PLASE Inc.; Lurwanda Walker Jenkins, Maryland Governor's Office of Minority Affairs; and Donald C. Fry, Greater Baltimore Committee.**