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### **Brewery Supports Fifth Ward Program**

In an effort to promote economic self-reliance through innovative business activities in the Fifth Ward, the Anheuser-Busch Houston brewery recently contributed \$2,000 to the **Fifth Ward Enrichment Program**. This contribution is part of a major initiative by the brewery to support local programs serving vulnerable segments of the Houston community.

The **Fifth Ward Enrichment Program** is a community-based prevention program designed to empower adolescent inner-city males between the ages of 10 and 17. Founded in 1984, this program supports youth-run businesses, leadership development, mentoring, academic assistance and community service projects.

As part of its after-school program, participants can work in the program's **Teen Enterprise Center**, which includes a range of business activities such as silk screen printing, computer repair and refurbishing, film production, bicycle repair and urban gardening.

"Our program teaches young men to become responsible and productive members of the community," said **Charles Savage**, director of the Teen Enterprise Center of the **Fifth Ward Enrichment Program**. "Companies like Anheuser-Busch help us to continue to improve the lives of the youngsters who come through our doors."

The Anheuser-Busch Houston brewery is the largest brewery in Texas, and one of 12 Anheuser-Busch breweries across the country.

"We gladly support this program to encourage these young men to continue their development both personally and vocationally," said Kirk Norris, senior plant manager of the Anheuser-Busch Houston brewery.