



## Young Entrepreneur

### Shane Hamilton Garrett, Kentucky

Shane Hamilton, 22, didn't always know he wanted to be an entrepreneur, but once he made that decision, he didn't look back from it. In high school, the Garrett, Ky., native sold trendy bracelets, and by the time the fad dried up he knew he wanted to own and operate his own business.

Hamilton opened a professional house-cleaning business, Service Maids LLC, with very little upfront capital. He knew the business was filling a gap in eastern Kentucky, and always had plans of growing the business. The Mountain Association for Community Economic Development helped Hamilton move further toward his goal through a loan for commercial cleaning equipment.

Opening Service Maids was just the first step for Hamilton, who was recently named the 2015 Kentucky Young Entrepreneur of the Year by the Small Business Administration. MACED has also helped him open two more enterprises: Restroom Pro and Every Hour Fitness, a 24-hour fitness facility in Pikeville. Hamilton has also received much support, advice and technical assistance services through the MACED Hazard office.

In all, Hamilton has opened three new businesses in the last five years and employs seven people at Service Maids, which now serves a six-county area in eastern Kentucky. MACED supported Hamilton, a young, strong entrepreneur, because others were unwilling to take a risk on him. That risk is now paying off for eastern Kentucky in the form of three new thriving small businesses.

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### Project Financing Summary

#### Purpose

Service Maids – Purchase commercial cleaning equipment

Restroom Pro – Purchase inventory and equipment

Every Hour Fitness – Purchase of exercise equipment

#### Financing Sources

\$4,000 MACED Loan—  
Service Maids

\$5,000 MACED Loan—  
Restroom Pro

\$15,000 MACED Loan—  
Every Hour Fitness

#### Development Impact

- 7 jobs created
- Young Entrepreneur
- LMI Community Served



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