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***Nashville Black Chamber of Commerce Offers Opportunity  
For Economic Growth By Sponsoring Coffee Talk Nashville***

November 9, 2005 – Nashville, TN – If you are a coffee drinker, a business owner, and want to expand your customer base, then you need to experience Coffee Talk Nashville. On November 17, 2005 the Nashville Black Chamber of Commerce will team up with Nicole Dunigan and Shanda Williams, to offer a networking event for the Black business community. It is happening at Kijiji Coffee House located on historic Jefferson Street.

Two young female professionals - Nicole Dunigan, a mortgage broker, and Shanda Williams, a real estate agent, founded Coffee Talk Nashville earlier this year. Although these two friends have careers of their own, they were looking for a way to assist in the coming together of Black business professionals without all the hoopla, alcohol, and smoky bars. Thus, Coffee Talk Nashville was born. It happens at 7:30 in the morning at Kijiji Coffee House on historic Jefferson Street. In 2006 with the Black Chamber as a sponsor, there will be a meeting each month.

“One of the three legs or pillars on which the Black Chamber stands is the advancement of businesses within the Black community. This event, which is an important and significant one, will allow our membership and the Black business community to contribute to and actively participate in fundamental economic development, says Darren L. Johnson, Interim President of the Nashville Black Chamber. This year, the Black Chamber has taken the time to re-design itself, a process that included relocating to northwest Nashville’s Bordeaux business community. “Now, we are ready to move forward and are excited about our 2006 calendar of events. Sponsoring Coffee Talk Nashville in 2006 is a big part of us contributing to the advancement and growth of small businesses,” says Johnson.

It is not just talk and coffee. There is also the “5 Minute Conversation” that these two savvy business professionals have trademarked along with the name Coffee Talk Nashville. If you are curious about what the “5 Minute Conversation” is, you must come by Kijiji Coffee House at 7:30 a.m. on November 17, 2005. Participating in this event will surely help the serious professional who wants to grow his/her customer base, make contacts for future business, and have access to decision makers and potential new customers. Coffee Talk Nashville is also a way to increase the circulation of the dollar within the Black community. “The dollar is not circulated nearly as much as it should be within the Black community. For some reason, we tend to go to other communities to spend our dollars when we should really bring the dollars back home to our own community. This is a way help do that,” says Johnson.

For more information about Coffee Talk Nashville call 615-876-9634 or visit the web site at <http://www.nashvilleblackchamber.org> .

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The Nashville Black Chamber of Commerce’s mission is to provide economic empowerment in the Black community through the advancement, education, and promotion of businesses, and their partners. To learn more about the organization visit <http://www.nashvilleblackchamber.org> or call 615-876-9634.