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“Huma Rising” Author Launches Self-Made Foundation, Inc. to Benefit Aspiring Entrepreneurs and Their Communities

Cannabis Industry Millionaire Donates 100 Percent of Book Proceeds to Charitable Programs Across the Country

LOS ANGELES, March 11, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Legal cannabis mogul and author of “Huma Rising—My Journey from Bankruptcy to Billionaire Back to Aspiring Upstart in the Cannabis Industry” P. Vincent Mehdizadeh announced today the official launch of Self-Made Foundation, Inc., a charitable organization providing grant support and education for aspiring entrepreneurs, as well as donations to various charitable organizations focused on social services, healthcare, and animal welfare.

“I am very happy to announce the Self-Made Foundation website is now up and running,” said Mehdizadeh. “As someone who knows the struggle that comes with building a business from nothing, I feel very humbled to now have the opportunity to help future entrepreneurs who may be struggling. Also, all sales proceeds from ‘Huma Rising’ book sales are pledged in equal parts to: St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, Operation Smile, ASPCA, and Sierra Club Foundation.”

To celebrate the successful release of “Huma Rising,” Mehdizadeh will be donating 5,000 paid copies of the book through a special drawing happening at non-profit’s website: www.selfmadefoundation.com

In addition to providing monetary grants to specific disadvantaged and low-income entrepreneurs toward the development of their business, Self-Made Foundation, Inc. plans to also implement a mentorship/educational program that pairs individuals with local entrepreneurs and investors.

Currently, Self-Made Foundation, Inc. is selecting applicants to receive up to \$50,000 in zero interest loan grants. Individuals may upload their personal story and business idea to the foundation’s site for consideration.

For more information or to purchase “Huma Rising” now, please visit <http://www.selfmadefoundation.com>.

About P. Vincent Mehdizadeh

Dubbed the legal marijuana industry's first "billionaire," P. Vincent Mehdizadeh is considered an expert in the industry and is the inventor of two patents concerning the automated delivery of cannabis through a dispensing machine using biometric identification (Patent #US7844363) and a seed to sale POS system that tracks inventory and transactions occurring at cannabis dispensaries and cultivation facilities (Patent #US8818820). He is also the inventor of the patent-pending “Top-Shelf” System exclusively being developed for MJ Business Consultants & Pineapple Express, Inc. He has been interviewed and featured in news outlets including, the Wall Street Journal, CNBC, FOX News, Bloomberg BusinessWeek, BBC, and many others. Mehdizadeh was responsible for funding and the creation of the Marijuana Policy Project “Consume Responsibly” campaign, as well as the Americans For Safe Access “Medicate Responsibly” campaign aimed at educating medical and recreational cannabis users in the states that allow consumption of cannabis about its health effects and dosage information. Mehdizadeh has donated over \$2 million dollars to Americans for Safe Access (ASA), Marijuana Policy Project (MPP), Drug Policy Alliance (DPA), Law Enforcement

Against Prohibition (LEAP), and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Mehdizadeh has recently established a non-profit charitable foundation called Self-Made Foundation, Inc.

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