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EVANS CENTER

Palm Bay, FL
CDFI - Florida Community Loan Fund

The once thriving Evans Supermarket experienced a decline and became an eyesore after the death of local owner Mr. Evans, causing the city to demolish the building in 2012. In 2016, Neighbor Up Brevard subsidiary, the Evans Center, purchased the land and constructed a \$1.5 million community healthcare center, with \$700,000 in financing from Florida Community Loan Fund. The new 6,000 square foot, multi-purpose facility opened in March 2019 and houses a grocery store, Federally Qualified Health Center, and community room used for job training, health and wellness education, and more.



SHEILA, OWNER OF LIHA

Harlem, NY
CDFI - Grameen America

Sheila owns mobile boutique Liha on 125th Street in Harlem, next to the iconic Apollo Theater. When COVID-19 hit New York City last March, Sheila had to shut down her store due to social distancing mandates. Support from Grameen America helped Sheila quickly pivot her business, and as chief of her Grameen America Center, she and the group of businesswomen she leads are supporting each other as they move through this critical period.



MICHAEL AND CHARLOTTE MULCAHY

Anchorage, AK
CDFI - Cook Inlet Lending Center

Michael and Charlotte Mulcahy utilized Cook Inlet Lending Center's Individual Development Account (IDA) program, combined with the Native American Homeownership Initiative (NAHI) program for down payment assistance and a HUD184 mortgage to open the door to their dream of homeownership. These programs not only provide capital, they set clients up for successful homeownership with budgeting tools and homeownership education classes.



ROSA M. GARCÍA, OWNER OF CRIOLITE

San Juan, PR
CDFI - Lendreams

After losing her job and suffering a medical setback, Rosa M. García took action to reinvent herself and established Criolite, a business providing healthy, typical Puerto Rican "criollo" meals. With a \$13,700 SBA Microloan obtained in 2015 through Lendreams, Rosa was able to expand to a new property and purchase additional equipment. As a result of ongoing technical assistance and a second Lendreams microloan of \$50,000, Criolite has continued to grow locations and product offerings across Puerto Rico and in the U.S., reaching more than \$1 million in revenue and creating 30 jobs.

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