Accompany Capital (formerly BCNA) creates pathways to self-sufficiency for immigrant and refugee entrepreneurs in New York City by empowering them with access to affordable credit, financial education, and training in best business practices and technology. Accompany Capital is fulfilling the American Dream of inclusion by building wealth through business development and expansion, savings, and home ownership for low- to moderate-income entrepreneurs and small business owners. Accompany Capital is a certified CDFI and a certified SBA microlender and Community Advantage lender. It has been recognized by national media and elected officials for its impact in creating and retaining jobs for immigrants, refugees, and women. Its products include microloans, credit enhancement loans, financial education, homeownership and down payment assistance, and Individual Development Accounts.

**CDFI Story: Shahin Bhuiyan, owner of Eshika Printers & Sign Inc., Queens, NY**

Shahin Bhuiyan is the owner of Eshika Printers & Sign Inc., a signboard and banner printing company he founded in 2014. Since then, Eshika Printers & Sign, which provides comprehensive design and printing services for trade shows, business openings, weddings, and community events, has served more than 300 companies in all five boroughs, has more than 200 regular clients, and now has four full-time and two part-time employees.

In 2018, Shahin received a loan from Accompany Capital for $50,000 to purchase additional high-quality printing equipment. In June 2020, he received an emergency loan from Accompany Capital of $20,000 to cover expenses for reopening the business after being closed for three months during the pandemic. He has used some of those funds to pivot and is now also manufacturing PPE plastic shields to meet the current high demand from businesses, such as restaurants, retail shops, and nail spas.