Opportunity Finance Network Member Profile

DreamSpring

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Financial and Social Impact

Over its 26-year history, DreamSpring has:

- Disbursed more than 16,000 microenterprise and small business loans totaling $170 million.
- Served entrepreneurs in 675 communities.
- Provided financing to client businesses that have created or sustained 22,600 jobs.

DreamSpring is an award-winning, 26-year-old nonprofit organization that increases access to credit, makes loans, and provides support to enable entrepreneurs to realize their dreams and be catalysts for positive economic and social change. Serving Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, and Texas, DreamSpring is dedicated to helping entrepreneurs generate income, build assets, create jobs, and achieve financial well-being through business ownership.

Success Story - True Love Honey, Marana, AZ

Anthony Tubbiolo was looking for a change when opportunity came knocking. While working at a stand at a farmers market, a beekeeper’s son approached to announce his father had a two-year supply of honey to sell. With only $212 dollars to his name, Anthony decided to take a risk and purchased a case of honey to sell. Later, sitting on the side of the road with a handwritten sign, Anthony sold the entire case and True Love Honey was born.

Six years later, True Love Honey has its own shop in Marana, and can be found on the shelves of a growing base of Arizona retailers, as well as at farmers markets. Each month, True Love Honey donates a portion of its proceeds to three organizations that support childhood development. Anthony’s vision to pay it forward and interrupt the cycles of need in his community are already coming to life.

“Looking at the trajectory of our lives before this business, we had very limited prospects, and now it’s unlimited,” Anthony said.

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