

Small Business Stories



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Small business gives us energy.

SUNSHINE SMOOTHIE, West Des Moines

Nicole Lee came to The Iowa Center seeking a loan to open a cafe that would serve smoothies and healthy foods. She received a loan with business coaching to support the startup of her new business. Nicole has opened her cafe in space that allows her to serve the clientele of a popular fitness facility. She is serving healthy and delicious items that are prepared with whole food, plant based ingredients that is supporting new part-time and full-time job opportunities.