

Mickey's Popcorn | Greater Memphis Area

mickeyspopcorn.com



Mickey's Popcorn was founded in 2020 by husband-and-wife team, Kenny and Penny Mickey. Both former college basketball players, the duo transferred their zeal from the court to crafting small batch gourmet popcorn. **Mickey's Popcorn** crafts small batch gourmet popcorn with flavors inspired by geographic regions and top shelf spirits like Tennessee Whiskey Caramel and Kentucky Bourbon Caramel. Beyond the delicious popcorn, Mickey's acts as a social enterprise providing transitional employment to special populations such as domestic violence survivors, autistic youth, and opportunity youth.

Try Deas | Georgia

trydeas.com



At the heart of **Try Deas**, a nut company specializing in almonds, pecans, and cashews, lies a family tradition rooted in delight, joy, and happiness. The company's origins can be traced back to their large family in rural South Carolina, where the founder's grandparents shared their love and limited resources by sending pecans in a cardboard box, fostering cherished memories of nut cracking and laughter. In this spirit of love and togetherness, **Try Deas** and Other Treats was born to spread that same joy to everyone. Their delectable offerings, such as Red Velvet Cake Cashews, Cinnamon Sugar Cashews, Honey Roasted Almonds, and more, are sure to win your heart and become a delightful treat to share with friends (or keep all to yourself!).

Don't Forget Cake | Washington D.C.

dontforgetcake.com



In 2002, Warren Brown opened CakeLove, a beloved brick-and-mortar bakery in Washington, D.C., which quickly gained popularity and media attention, leading to expansion to seven locations by 2008. However, the global financial crisis hit hard, causing a sharp decline in sales and forcing Warren to close several CakeLove outlets. Challenges persisted with the rise of social media and shifting shopping trends. To adapt and revitalize the business, Warren conducted market research and introduced the first-ever portable “cake in a plastic jar” concept in 2014. Now, in 2022, approximately 1,200 retailers carry Warren’s [Don't Forget Cake](http://dontforgetcake.com) delicacies – which are also available nationwide on the [Don't Forget Cake](http://dontforgetcake.com) website.

Aura's Chocolate | Cranston, Rhode Island

auraschocolatebar.com



[Aura's Chocolate Bar](http://auraschocolatebar.com) is an artisan chocolate shop located in Rhode Island, owned by a Latina entrepreneur named Aura Fajardo who hails from Venezuela. Her creations offer a delightful taste of her homeland by combining the finest Venezuelan cacao, known for its world-class quality, with locally sourced ingredients from New England to enhance the chocolate's richness. Additionally, she incorporates premium cacao from other regions like the Dominican Republic and Ecuador. You can either visit Aura's shop in Cranston or discover **Aura's Chocolates** at multiple locations throughout Rhode Island.

Pearl Honey Spreads | Fort Worth, Texas

pearlhoneyspreads.com



Moji Okuyem was inspired to start her business, after noticing the lack of consciously produced spreads and jams for her daughter. Uncomfortable with the amount of artificial coloring, sugars and preservatives in the options available at her local store, she started to make her own jams and preservatives. Turning her personal solution for healthier alternatives into solution for her community, **Pearl Honey Spreads**, a premium honey-based spread, was brought into existence. [Pearl Honey Spreads](http://pearlhoneyspreads.com) is a perfect snack dip and spread, made from two simple ingredients: raw creamed honey and organic spices. You can find a variety of honey spread options to choose from as well as some creative recipes to try this season.

Burke's Hot Sauce | Hanover, Massachusetts

burkeshotsauce.com



In 2010, Kevin and Shannon's love story ignited over their shared passion for hot sauce. After a memorable encounter with ghost pepper chili pasta in Boston, they embarked on a spicy journey and decided to home in on their own hot sauce craft. As demand for their creations surged, they combined Kevin's scientific expertise with Shannon's business acumen to create a community-centered line of flavorful products inspired by their love for heat and innovation. [Burke's Hot Sauce](http://burkeshotsauce.com) offers handcrafted, small-batch hot sauces with unique fermentation processes, free from additives, and sustainably grown and produced. The ideal gift for any spice enthusiast!

Narrative Food | Los Angeles, California

narrativefood.com



In 2010, after a 25-year career as a screenwriter in Europe, Jennifer Piette returned to the U.S. and established **Narrative Food**, a farm-to-table home delivery service with a goal to support small-scale makers and contribute to nonprofit organizations striving for positive change. Now an award-winning Certified B Corp and 1% for the Planet member, **Narrative Food** offers gifts, pantry box subscriptions, and an à la carte marketplace showcasing food, sweets, spices, condiments, beverages, apothecary items, and more from numerous exceptional food producers across many diverse communities. Every gift box or purchase from Narrative Foods will tell a story of people and places.

Breedlove Beauty Co. | Baton Rouge, Louisiana

breedlovebeautyco.com



Breedlove Beauty Co. is a natural skin care and beauty company. Based on a desire to take the complexity out of skin care and create a more minimalist approach, each product is formulated in-house with careful research and every ingredient has a benefit and therapeutic reason. Kelli Palmer, the owner and founder, initially began creating beauty products for personal use in 2016. Fortunately, her **Breedlove Beauty Co.** line – including facial toners, creams, masks, soap, body butters, natural deodorant, organic oils, shampoo, and conditioner – is now available to all!

Aari & Co.

aaricompany.com



Shanetta Wilkins is on a mission to advance economic opportunities for her community and in developing countries by sourcing ethically traded ingredients. Shanetta is the biochemist and mastermind behind **Aari & Co.**, a herbal-infused and cruelty-free skin-care and hair-care line founded in 2019. Her love for animals, people, and the planet is woven into Aari & Co's core values. Shanetta's shampoo bars made it to InStyle's 9 Best Shampoo Bars of 2023 and Byrdie's 15 Best Shampoo Bars of 2023 list. Looking for ways to rejuvenate yourself from crown to toe or share the love with others? Shop online today.

Aims Moon Paperie

aimsmoonpaperie.site



Aims Moon Paperie, founded by Amy Slaughter, chief-designer and children's book author is a black-woman owned stationery company, that envisions a world where women are not afraid to write their own stories. Founded in 2016, Amy's stationery designs were a tool for reflection, organization, expression, and empowerment, for herself and for other women. Aims Moon Paperie's offers a variety of stationery ranging from paper crafting sets, stickers, wall tapestries, greeting cards, wrapping paper, as well as cotton tees with affirmation prints and cool designs.

AWG Fashion & Beauty | Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

awgfashionbeauty.com



Founded by Danielle Tutson, **AWG Fashion & Beauty** transcends the conventional beauty and fashion realm. With a mission to boost self-confidence, uplift communities, and celebrate natural beauty, it serves as a platform for aspiring talents to learn and grow. **AWG** offers animal-free hair and skincare products that restore the natural building-blocks of our skin and hair for a naturally radiant beauty. They also provide health and wellness enablers such as incense and essential oils in addition to their group offering of fashion accessories designed by young designers. Shop from **AWG** online today!

Tallawah Naturals | Durham, North Carolina

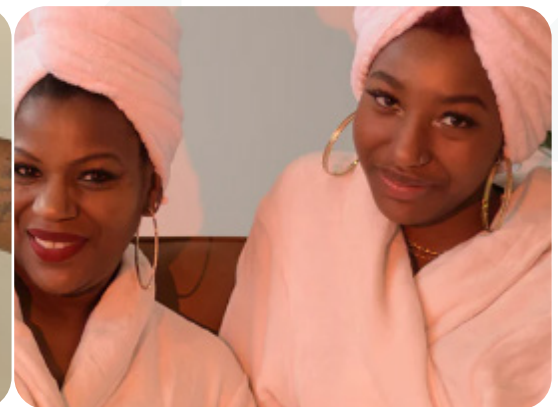
tallawah-naturals.com



Tallawah Naturals is a small business owned by a Black Caribbean immigrant woman, committed to enhancing skincare for those who cherish the value of great skin. They specialize in crafting organic, vegan soaps tailored for sensitive skin and provide science-backed remedies for issues like acne, scars, and hyperpigmentation. In addition to their store in Durham, their full selection will soon be available to order for delivery on their website.

Kobi Co. | Minneapolis, Minnesota

lovekobico.com



What started as a self-care rescue mission for a stressed-out teenager during the pandemic has now become a fast-growing, Minneapolis born-and-raised, intergenerational candle company that sits at the intersection of scent, sound and self-care. **Kobi Co.** is run by a mother-daughter duo who are committed to helping you curate little moments of luxury and self-care no matter where you are. From hand-poured candles to soothing mists and curated playlists, **Kobi Co.** has you covered in-store and online for all of your holiday gifting and self-care needs.

Romares Apparel | Tuscaloosa, Alabama

romaresapparel.com



Romares Apparel specializes in game day apparel for the entire family. Starting out as a small table with two cellphones for lighting and twenty shirts on credit, it only took one Alabama home game for owner Sheneka Frieson to know she was on to something BIG! Since then, she has expanded Romares Apparel's business to offer merchandise from various colleges, home décor, collectables, and inclusive sizing—typically carrying sizes from newborn up to 6 XL in most styles.

VinBohême | Washington D.C

vinboheme.com

VinBohême



VinBohême, pronounced vin bo-HEM, is the creation of two Black women from Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia, PA. “Vin” reflects their love for good wine, and “Bohême” represents the relaxed lifestyle they value. Roberta Hatchett, an interior designer, and Monique Copeland, a certified sommelier, came up with this idea during the global pandemic’s social distancing phase. They turned their time spent nesting and sharing virtual wine nights into community-wide events offering a way to connect during lock down. As the world opened back up, they expanded by hosting in-person small dinners, private tastings, and other events across D.C. These experiences further inspired them to curate a marketplace of wines and home essentials as well, which is now available on their website.

Rise Koffee + Kulture | Tampa, Florida

risekoffeekulture.com



Established by Cortney Alleyne at the young age of 25, **Rise Koffee + Kulture** transcends the traditional coffee shop concept. This black-owned establishment serves as an innovative and creative hub where the worlds of coffee, community, art, and music converge. Through support for initiatives that uplift the Black community, they transform the everyday act of enjoying a cup of coffee into a meaningful cultural journey. You can find them at their permanent establishment, at local pop-ups throughout the Tampa area, and online.

Win Win Coffee Bar | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

winwin.coffee



We love a good cup of coffee and a specialty-curated dark roast with a milk chocolate finish with a purpose? Count me in. Nikisha Bailey is the co-owner of [Win Win Coffee Bar](http://winwin.coffee), a space she acquired in Philadelphia and expanded to e-commerce with the launch of the Win Win Roast, a partnership with Bean2Bean, a minority -owned importer, roaster, and distributor. Some of their coffee beans are grown by African farmers and exported and imported by Black community leaders. **Win Win coffee** is on a mission to revolutionize the coffee industry through transparency, ethical sourcing and empowering farmers in the supply chain.