



Boston Ujima Project Local “Good Business” Directory

UJIMA BUSINESS ALLIANCE

The Ujima Business Alliance (UBA) is a local business association sponsored by the Boston Ujima Project for community oriented companies within its network. Members of the UBA are business owners, managers, and entrepreneurs who are committed to advancing social and economic justice through the private sector. Ujima Businesses align their corporate practices with their values by **creating good jobs, sharing ownership and wealth, meeting local needs, and generating community benefits**. Business Alliance Members find strength in unity, and value cooperation over competition to achieve shared success.

Bon Me Food Truck

<http://www.bonmetruck.com/catering/>

Bon Me is Vietnamese inspired fast casual eatery with food trucks and brick and mortar Locations across Greater Boston. Bon Me’s has made a commitment to pay \$15/hr to its employees and is a leader in local efforts to improve working conditions in the food sector.

Bowdoin Bike School

<http://www.bowdoinbikeschool.org/>

Bowdoin Bike School is a for-profit pop and pop bicycle shop, and they do as much as they can to engage youth and families in the neighborhood in cycling. The owners and shop employees are working with the Boston Center for Community Ownership to transform the business into a worker-owned coop so some of the people who have labored hard to build Bowdoin Bike School will get an opportunity to share ownership.

CERO Co-op

<http://www.cero.coop/>

CERO (Cooperative Energy, Recycling, and Organics) is an award-winning commercial composting company based out of Dorchester, MA. They provide food waste pickup and diversion services for a wide range of commercial clients in the metro Boston area, and transport compostables to local farms where they are returned to the soil and used to support the local agricultural economy. Their mission is simple: keep food waste out of landfills, save money for their clients, and provide green jobs for Boston’s hard working communities.

Democracy Brewing

<http://www.democracybrewing.com/home/>

Democracy Brewing is a worker-owned brewery and pub committed to making great beers. Their mission is to re-create the traditional public house, brew the best beer in Boston, and serve it in combination with two great American ideals: democracy, and owning your own business. They believe the dream of owning your own business shouldn't be attainable to only a few, and the majority of folks who work should be able to enjoy the profit and pride that comes with ownership. They also believe that the democratic ideals countless Americans have struggled for - liberty, justice, equality - all belong in the workplace.

Dorchester Food Co-op

<http://dorchesterfoodcoop.com/>

The Dorchester Food Co-Op is a grassroots initiative to build a community and worker-owned grocery store that makes healthy food accessible and advances economic opportunity through neighborhood engagement.

Fresh Food Generation

<http://www.freshfoodgeneration.com/catering>

Fresh Food Generation is a Dorchester based food business, serving Caribbean and Latin American inspired cuisine. FFG Food Truck and Cafe are known for hiring from within Boston's low-income neighborhoods, and improve the community by bringing healthy and affordable food to the community.

Haley House Bakery and Cafe

<http://haleyhouse.org/what-we-do/catering/>

Haley House is a nonprofit social enterprise that owns and operates a cafe, pizza shop, and emergency and low-income housing. Haley House serves healthy American cuisine, with inspirations from the US South, Caribbean and Southeast Asia. Haley House is best known for its bakery training program for job seekers who are returning from prison.

LIFEFORCE 2.0

<http://www.creativewellnessconsulting.com/>

LIFEFORCE 2.0 is a creative wellness consulting company customizing programs for individuals, community groups, and organizations. LIFEFORCE 2.0 harnesses the power of a deep understanding of community engagement, business, and artistry to home in on specific solutions for each individual or group. Founded in principles of social justice, diversity, and inclusion, they enhance wellness and productivity with acknowledgement that who we are and the context of our lives matter.

Norma Rosario's Catering
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Norma is a well known Boston community organizer and leader based in Jamaica Plain. Norma specializes in Puerto Rican cuisine, and provides subsidized and affordable catering options to small community nonprofits and activist organizations.

Restoring Roots Landscaping Co-Op

<http://restoringroots.net/>

Restoring Roots Cooperative creates beautiful, peaceful, multi-purpose, food producing landscapes, from residential yards and small businesses to urban farms and public libraries. They specialize in gardens that require minimal maintenance and balance intensive food production with ecological and aesthetic considerations. Restoring Roots is a fully worker-owned and democratically controlled cooperative.

Sydney Janey Design and Boston Paper Works

<http://www.sjdsqn.com/>

Sydney Janey Design is a brand strategy and visual communication studio, located in the historic Roxbury neighborhood of Boston. Boston Paper Works is a fine art studio + commercial print shop that works as the second half of Sydney Janey Design. They are two halves of a single passion rooted in history, craft, and talent.

OTHER BUSINESSES UJIMA LIKES

Advoqt

<http://www.advoqt.com/>

Advoqt is a provider of IT outsourcing, consulting and staffing services. Founder Reinier Moquete's ambition is to become one of the country's largest minority-owned IT service providers and to create career opportunities for Black and Latino employees, who are estimated to make up as little as 4 to 5 percent of the tech workforce.

Coalition for Occupied Homes in Foreclosure (COHIF)

<http://www.cohif.org/>

COHIF is a non-profit housing developer, working to stabilize the Greater Four Corners neighborhood of Dorchester. COHIF helps residents of foreclosed homes to stay in their homes and stay tenants, by purchasing the property and putting it on a Community Land Trust to make it permanently affordable. COHIF is a model for creating permanently affordable housing for our Boston residents.

Chocolate Therapy

After decades in the corporate sector, the husband-and-wife team of Pam and David Griffin decided to do something for themselves. In 2013, they opened Chocolate Therapy, a chocolate shop dedicated to providing locally produced chocolates with unique flavors and healthful ingredients. In addition to offering award-winning chocolate, retail activities include hosting wine and chocolate tastings, chocolate making classes, birthday parties, team-building activities and more. This successful black- owned business has a strong commitment to hiring from the community and sourcing locally.

City Fresh Foods

<http://cityfresh.com>

City Fresh Foods is a 20-year-old, nationally acclaimed enterprise that delivers fresh, wholesome meals to charter schools, eldercare facilities and other organizations throughout the Boston area. As a Black owned business and one of Roxbury's major employers, City Fresh is respected as a "triple bottom line" company that brings returns to people, planet and profits. City Fresh plays an anchor role in Boston's burgeoning urban food movement, serving major customers such as Meals on Wheels while sourcing from area producers and advocating for increased local food production.

Dudley Cafe

<http://www.dudleycafe.com/>

The mission of Dudley Cafe is to provide the Roxbury community with wholesome food, in-house youth empowerment programs, a continued celebration of the arts, along with a creative space encouraging collaboration between locals and neighborhood organizations. Dudley Cafe invests back into Roxbury, and supplies ingredients from local business and regional farms. Since opening, the Cafe has partnered with Madison Park Technical High School and continues to hire their students for baking and front of the house positions. Dudley Cafe has also hosted fundraisers and events for local nonprofits.

Gallery Eyecare

<http://galleryeyecarevisionsource.com/>

Gallery EyeCare has been a leading provider of optometry services and vision care products in the Roxbury community since 2014. Gallery Eyecare's experienced eye doctors offer comprehensive vision examinations at the Roxbury optometry office and specialize in the diagnosis and treatment of a wide array of eye diseases and problems. Gallery Eyecare also displays the art of local artists to promote the overall health and vision of the Roxbury community. As a Black woman business owner in the heart of Roxbury, Dr. Lesa Dennis-Mahamed heals and inspires our community everyday.

InClude Innovation

<https://www.includeinnovation.com/>

InClude Innovation is a digital design agency that helps social impact organizations tell their stories digitally through Web Design, Graphic Design, User Interface/User Experience design.

They are developers, designers, strategists, and most importantly activists. They take on diverse clients and projects that make a positive impact on the world around them. They work closely with clients to provide personalized digital solutions that engage, delight, and inspire.

M.S. Peltier Insurance

<http://www.peltierinsurance.com/>

M.S. Peltier Insurance is a black-owned business with expertise in construction, marine, real estate and transportation industries. The company plans to grow its workforce, which it aims to be comprised of at least 50 percent employees of color. M.S. Peltier is committed to serving Dorchester and Caribbean communities.

Olio Culinary Collective

<http://olioculinarycollective.com/>

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Olio is an worker owned catering business that specializes in high end, global and fusion cuisine for corporate, family and social gatherings. Olio is a farm to table caterer with direct relationships with Movement Ground Farms, an hour South of Boston. Olio also donates thousands annually to community organizations through its Liberation Kitchen popup series.

Red Sun Press

<http://www.redsunpress.com/>

Red Sun Press is a cooperatively-owned printing and graphic design shop in Jamaica Plain, with fully equipped offset presses, electronic design and pre-press capabilities. Red Sun was founded in 1973 by activists in the civil rights, anti-war, environmental and women's movements, who envisioned a full service print shop that would support the movement for political and social change. The faces have changed, but the mission remains the same.

The Tech Connection

[http://www.thetechconnectioninc.com/#! /](http://www.thetechconnectioninc.com/#!/)

The Tech Connection is a recruitment platform that supports the professional development of untapped technical talent. We offer individualized career planning and job placement to candidates. We believe that introspective leadership coupled with proper planning is the key to career success. We strive to deliver the best talent to high performing and innovative teams.

Tony Williams Dance Center

<http://tonywilliamsdancecenter.com/>

Tony Williams Dance Center is a studio in Jamaica Plain dedicated to providing quality dance instruction to Boston's diverse urban community. From ballet to salsa to hip hop, TWDC boasts one of the most diverse class offerings, faculty, student and parent populations in the Greater Boston Area. TWDC produces the highly acclaimed Urban Nutcracker, and has helped hundreds of Boston youth develop physical and mental discipline and emotional confidence through the arts.

Tremendous Maid

<http://tremendousmaid.com/>

Tremendous Maid is a family-owned and operated residential and commercial cleaning business based in Dorchester. Through the leadership of Dominican co-founders Rosa Tejeda, Victoria Amador and Nisaury Amador, Tremendous Maid provides quality wages, employee benefits, and green cleaning services in an industry where customer demand for low prices incentivizes low wages, poor employee benefits, and other price-cutting practices.