



JUNE TEENTH

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**BLACK-OWNED
BUSINESS DIRECTORY**

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In celebration of Juneteenth, ICIC presents our 2023 Black-owned Business Directory, highlighting some small businesses that are members of our Inner City Alumni Network (ICAN), having participated in one or more of our Urban Business Initiatives:

ICCC

Inner City Capital Connections, launched in 2005 in partnership with Bank of America, helps match investment-ready companies in underserved areas with growth capital. The program has served more than 5,000 businesses that have raised over \$2.4 billion in capital.

IC100

The Inner City 100 has recognized and celebrated the fastest-growing businesses in under-resourced communities in the U.S. each year since 1999. The list is published annually and unveiled at our annual national education and awards conference in December.

10KSB

ICIC partners with Goldman Sachs to identify high-potential entrepreneurs for the *10,000 Small Businesses* initiative. The program connects business owners in underserved communities to a comprehensive program of education and support.

CSB

Cultivate Small Business is designed to help early-stage entrepreneurs in low-income neighborhoods build and sustain their businesses, with a focus on women, minority, and immigrant-owned businesses in food-related industries.

ICIC is contributing to four new programs that directly support Black-owned small businesses, **Building for Growth (BFG)**, an executive education program designed by ICIC that aims to help BIPOC and woman construction contractors; **Goldman Sachs One Million Black Businesses: Black in Business**, a program to help unlock growth and build wealth for Black Women Entrepreneurs; **Succession Ready (SR)**, a program for Rhode Island small business owners considering retirement, succession, or selling their business; and **BIPOC Entrepreneurship Through Acquisition (bETA)**, designed to give BIPOC entrepreneurs and aspiring entrepreneurs the knowledge, tools, and access to the capital they need to acquire and run an already existing and successful small business.

To learn more about how ICIC drives inclusive economic prosperity in under-resourced communities through innovative research and programs to create jobs, income, and wealth for local residents, visit icic.org.

GREATER BOSTON AREA

Anita Kurl Salon

ICIC Program: ICCC Boston 2021

Website: www.anitakurl.com

Anita Kurl Salon is a hair salon specializing in the art of curly hair which in turn provides confidence, self-esteem, and empowerment for our clients. They focus on education, encouragement, and personal experiences.

Irie Jamaican Style Restaurant

ICIC Program: ICCC Boston 2021

Website: <http://www.iriejamaicanstylerestaurant.net>

IRIE is a community-based family-owned restaurant that has served the community for over 20 years.

Sweet Teez Bakery

ICIC Programs: CSB Cohort 1 & ICCC Boston 2019

Website: www.sweetteezbakery.com

Teresa Thompson Maynard realized a simple peanut can make the search for a good dessert near impossible so she opened a bakery to meet her customer's nut-free needs and delight their taste buds.

CrimsonBikes

ICIC Program: ICCC Boston 2017

Website: crimsonbikes.org

CrimsonBikes is a full-service bicycle shop that is growing and serving the Greater Boston area.

Mothers for Justice and Equality

ICIC Programs: 10KSB National 2016 & ICCC Boston 2019

Website: <http://mothersforjusticeandequality.org/>

The mission of Mothers for Justice and Equality is to end neighborhood violence by empowering mothers and youth to challenge the normalization of violence and become effective catalysts for change in their homes, schools, and communities. By reclaiming the identity of our communities, we restore a sense of hope and purpose.

The Urban Grape

ICIC Program: Boston ICCC 2020 and IC100 Award Winner 2020 & 2021

Website: <https://theurbangrape.shop/>

Located in Boston, the Urban Grape (UG) is one of the most successful and award-winning wine stores in America. UG is a Black-owned and woman-owned small business dedicated to building community through beverage.

FlyTechnista

ICIC Program: ICCC Washington, D.C. 2020

Website: <https://www.flytechnista.app>

FlyTechnista™ is a voice-enabled mobile app and community that provides womxn & girls direct access to curated education, employment, and entrepreneurship resources and opportunities in technology.

London Monét Salon and Spa

ICIC Program: ICCC Western Massachusetts 2021

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/beYoutifulgrace>

London Monét Salon and Spa is a multicultural salon & spa that specializes in healthy hair and skin. They take the time to lift up everyone they service by providing a positive and upscale experience.

GREATER BALTIMORE AREA

Berries by Quicha

ICIC Programs: 10KSB Baltimore 2018 & ICCC Baltimore 2019

Website: <https://berriesbyquicha.com/>

Berries By Quicha is a gourmet chocolate-covered strawberry shop known to turn the ordinary into the extraordinary! They combine only the freshest berries and quality ingredients to create a chocolate-covered strawberry parallel to none.

Oyin Handmade

ICIC Programs: 10KSB National 2016 & ICCC Baltimore 2018

Website: <https://oyinhandmade.com/>

Oyin Handmade is an artisanal manufacturer of moisture-rich personal care products, especially formulated for highly textured hair and dry skin. Their goal is healthy, happy hair and skin.

GREATER DENVER AREA

Different Strokes Paint and Sip

ICIC Program: ICCC Denver 2021

Website: <https://differentstrokespaintandsip.com>

The Different Strokes Paint and Sip artists will walk you through creating your own paintings. They offer more than art classes; they offer art parties. Uncork the artist inside while sipping your drink, munching on snacks, listening to music, and chatting with your friends.

TeaLees Tea House and Bookstore

ICIC Program: ICCC Colorado 2020

Website: <https://www.tealeesdenverteahouse.com/>

TeaLees is a quaint dine-in restaurant specializing in loose-leaf teas, Afternoon and High Teas with a daily fare. Retail products include a selection of African American books from historical to inspirational – featuring hard-to-find, first print and rare edition books.

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