

Natasha Miller

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961 Main St Stone Mountain Ga

- Opened for 2 years
- Since she was a teenager in the early twenty-first century when Mama Mia's occupied that location, she dreamed of having a shop there.
- Wants to open up more stores
- Believes that the government has discriminated against her with grants she has applied for
- A born entrepreneur who has multiple side hustles
- Feels connected with community/other black-owned businesses
- Focuses on hiring teenagers and provides mentorship
- Main idea - you can achieve your dreams no matter the hardship

Chef Karen

Sweet Potato Cafe

5377 Manor Dr, Stone Mountain, GA 30083

- Born in New York
- Lived in Atlanta for 30 years
- Opened 12 years ago after decades of experience catering
- Faces discrimination when applying for loans
- Feels welcomed but aware of distinct hardships of being a Black-owned business
- Loves being off of Main Street with room for a garden. In fact, when offered a space on Main Street she turned it down.
- Purposely uses the farm-to-table restaurant to break the assumption that Black chefs cook soul food
- Main idea - do what makes you you

Daniel Brown

Gilly Brew Bar

5329 Mimosa Dr, Stone Mountain, GA 30083

Open for six years

- Located in the oldest structure in Stone Mountain that was built by enslaved men in 1834
- Initially, established white families of Stone Mountain were weary of a Black man owning the oldest house in the city
- Follower of “new urbanism,” the idea that cities can be designed to be walkable with a wide variety of development
- His wife is from Stone Mountain but he became drawn to it because it offers the potential to become a walkable, thriving downtown
- Main idea - don't let your race hold you back

Summer

Summer's Hair Boutique

900 Main St Suite B, Stone Mountain, GA 30083

- Been open for 9 years
- Born and raised in Atlanta
- Likes location due to foot traffic from people on their way or from Stone Mountain Park
- Feels like her business has grown
- Feels a closeness with other Black-owned businesses around her