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Capstone Community Action Testimony

My name is Inayatullah Yuridullah and my business is a catering business called Pak-Afghan Foods. I am writing in regard to the Micro Business Program at Capstone Community Action. I have personally benefitted from the Micro Business program at Community Action. When I first started my business, I was completely lost and didn't know where to begin. Didn't know what licenses I needed to operate and the whole legalities of starting a business. There were a lot of obstacles that I was facing in starting my catering business. But thanks to the Micro Business program at Capstone Community Action they help me significantly in starting and running my business smoothly.

I got a ton of help from people working at Community Action they showed me the way to starting a business properly. The way they helped me was by attending their business management classes and workshops. And also, by getting 1on1 help. The materials that they taught us in the classes helped me tremendously in giving me the confidence to start my business. They taught me a lot of valuable materials which I did not know before. Such as writing business plans, getting loans, managing finances, marketing, dealing with customers, dealing with health inspectors, scaling a business, taxes, etc.

I am very grateful to the Community Actions Micro Business Program. It has changed my life significantly ever since I have started my business and the help, I got from Community Action. Without the Community Actions help it would've been extremely difficult to start a business. I know a lot of other business owners who were in the same situation as me until they came to Community Action to get help in starting their businesses. And now just like myself they are in much better positions and are running very successful businesses as well giving back to the community.

It is vital for such programs like the Micro Business Program at Capstone Community Action to exist. Because, it helps in building sustainable communities in various ways. Such as through, moving people out of poverty by supporting entrepreneurs and investing in small businesses, ensuring our children are ready for school, helping homeowners save energy, supporting healthy local food systems and building the workforce we need for our communities to thrive.