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After being a US Army Veteran and retirement from Profesional New York Fire Fighting, my post retirement experience as an entrepreneur has had its challenges. Thankfully, the SBDC is where I was able to focus on the business I wanted to pursue. After reaching a peak, I linked up with the SMARTstart incubator in Dade City.

The director coached me not only to become a licensed product wholesaler, but also venturing into the restauranteur status and owning Jon's Gourmet Nutrition at Cafe 36 in the Saint Leo Wellness Center. Needless to say, the funding through the Microloan Program, as well as the UF/IFAS Extension being a bridge with the Food and Agricultural Department, has made a daunting task far more possible with their resources.

The future looks bright for my business thanks to the support of these local entrepreneur collaboration services.



-John Richardson, **Jon's Gourmet**
(pictured above)

WEST PASCO ENTREPRENEUR CENTER

4606 Darlington Road, Holiday FL 34690

SMARTSTART @ THE GROVE

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Wesley Chapel, FL 33544

EAST PASCO ENTREPRENEUR CENTER

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CONNECT to RESOURCES

PEN is a collaborative effort of not-for-profit agencies committed to ensuring the success of small businesses. PEN Partners provide consulting, counseling, education, and technical assistance to help local entrepreneurs start and build thriving businesses in Pasco County.

GROW PASCO

GROW Pasco is an annual event where we bring together some of the best business minds in the area so that executives and entrepreneurs alike can equip themselves and their business for future growth.

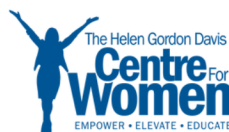
More information about the Pasco Enterprise Network can be found on our website.



Resources For Your Business

Stuck and don't know where to turn for help?

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