



## **JOIN US IN SUPPORTING THE MOVEMENT**

A lot has been happening in the world right now and while educating ourselves and understanding why the black lives matter movement is very important, we can also take advantage of the reopening of many businesses. More importantly the African American owned businesses. It is especially important to bring attention to these businesses because of the fact that compared to white owned businesses there are far fewer of them. Supporting these businesses is a great way to get this movement going in a positive direction and hopefully leading to a growth in future businesses owners of color and a path to greater equality. Below are the following: links that will inform you of African American owned businesses and where they can be found across NJ, a couple of businesses we reached out to in the south jersey area!

## **Resources**

These will help with finding where many of these businesses are located and some include a little background of the business:

- <https://www.google.com/amp/s/amp.courierpostonline.com/amp/3135604001> -A link to an article where a few businesses are featured with a a little background about their business and where it is located
- [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/e/2PACX-1vSMorhjEq4qL6rMaB1t-NucF399ZmFwll\\_JWYAKFrMNtYN8yl2ovYF5OMJHp5YYMwz6Pp38-q2yobmg/pubhtml](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/e/2PACX-1vSMorhjEq4qL6rMaB1t-NucF399ZmFwll_JWYAKFrMNtYN8yl2ovYF5OMJHp5YYMwz6Pp38-q2yobmg/pubhtml) -This is a link to a spreadsheet where you can find tons of businesses listed
- <https://njblackbusinesses.com/auto-%2F-logistics> -An African American owned business directory with a variety of different types of businesses
- <https://www.google.com/amp/s/njmom.com/things-to-do/want-to-help-make-a-change-support-these-local-black-owned-businesses/amp/> -Article including a list of businesses by location and includes businesses that are solely online

# Local businesses and the stories behind them

We reached out to a few of these african american businesses and asked how each of their businesses got started and what their business is all about, here are a few of the responses and info:

## Galerie Marie, Collingswood Nj

Since 2013, Galerie Marie has served the region with an extraordinary selection of art and gift ideas from around the world. Gallery owner Kimberly Camp moved here from the west coast after a 25-year career as a museum president beginning with the Smithsonian Institution's Experimental Gallery, and including the Charles Wright Museum, the Barnes Foundation and the Reach Interpretive Center. She is also an award-winning artist whose dolls and paintings, as well as the work of over 200 international artists, is featured in Galerie Marie (named in honor of her mother, Marie Camp.)



“Our goal is to encourage people to buy original work from artists. Whether its jewelry, sculpture, paintings, textiles, leather bags or dolls, we have original art for every budget for everyone.” says Camp. Especially now when we are spending so much time in our homes, being surrounded by beauty brings joy!

Galerie Marie is conveniently located at 709 Haddon Avenue Collingswood NJ 08108. (856)858-0527. Our current opening hours are Wednesday – Saturday 11am – 6pm, Sundays 11am – 5pm and by appointment.

[www.galeriemarie.net](http://www.galeriemarie.net)  
[www.kimberlycamp.com](http://www.kimberlycamp.com)  
[www.facebook.com/galeriemarienj/](https://www.facebook.com/galeriemarienj/)

Photos: (from top to bottom)

- Image of the store
- Image of store owner, Kimberly Camp
- Pieces of artwork you can find at the store





## **Ritas, Willingboro Nj**

David and I met at the University of Virginia where he was a law student and I was an engineering school student. To make a long story short, he got his law degree, I got my Bachelors and Masters in Computer Science and we started dating sometime after college. Since we were both in the Philly area, one of our first dates included a trip to Rita's. It was like "Wow, what is this???"

From that time on, we were Rita's fans. Fast forward many years and we're living in Willingboro with our 2 sons and we discovered that there was a Rita's in our town (the location we now own). We would dash in there just before closing after playing tennis at Millcreek Park. David became friends with the owner (who was also African American) and one day became aware that the owner was interested in selling. I've never seen David so excited about something. He pursued this with energy and determination. We tried to get loans from banks, but despite being professionals with many years of work experience, were turned down by multiple institutions. With the help of family and friends, we were able to pull together the funding and make the purchase. We took classes at Rita's and did much on the job learning before taking over the store. We loved that it's such a happy, fun business.

What has been our mission and joy is having a place in Willingboro that offers top quality products AND customer service, while teaching young people the responsibilities of a job AND giving back to the community. We do fundraisers, give recommendations to our employees for colleges and scholarships, and even have a budding entrepreneur who has gone off to start her own business (Cranky Granny's). We've been recognized by the NAACP, the AKAs, and the Sigmas for our dedication to the community.

We make ice fresh in the store daily, and enjoy choosing amongst the 70+ flavors Rita's offers. We have 10 flavors of custard, custard cookie sandwiches, and also fresh baked pretzels that are to die for. And of course we make all the various products Rita's is famous for: Gelatis, Blendinis, Concretes, Mistos, Milkshakes, Sundes, and Flights. We cater and do events with our refrigerated carts.

Here's our information:

[www.facebook.com/RitasWillingboro](http://www.facebook.com/RitasWillingboro)

[www.instagram.com/Ritaswillingboro](http://www.instagram.com/Ritaswillingboro)

[www.ritasfranchises.com/Willingboro](http://www.ritasfranchises.com/Willingboro)

4364J Rt 130 North

Town Center

Willingboro, NJ 08046

609-200-1423



## Aunt Berta's Kitchen, Oaklyn & Lindenwold, Nj

"Home style cooking at its best"

Aunt Berta's Kitchen Inc. is a homestyle restaurant, specializing in all homemade products. We offer dine in and take out. Currently dine in is unavailable due to the pandemic. Lunch specials every Wednesday thru Friday from 11AM to 2PM. With 2 locations to better serve you. Aunt Berta's Kitchen also offers a la carte and full service for your catering needs. Please visit our website to view our menu and pricing @ [auntbertaskitchen.com](http://auntbertaskitchen.com)

639 White Horse Pike  
Oaklyn, NJ 08107  
856.858.7009

311 N White Horse Pike  
Lindenwold, NJ 08021  
856.809.2880

### **Additional Local Businesses with brief descriptions**

- **Back Alley Barbecue** moved to Haddonfield Road, Pennsauken from the Columbus Farmer's Market in 2018. The owner named Ron Jones sells chicken, brisket, pulled pork, and fried fish.  
Website: [backalleybarbeque.net](http://backalleybarbeque.net)  
Location: 2591 Haddonfield Road, Pennsauken  
Phone Number: 609-922-5658
- **The Camden Store** - sells T-shirts, hoodies and other clothing items for anyone who wants to show their pride for the City Invincible. The owner Ajeenah "AJ" Riggs is a U.S. Army veteran. They have hosted open mics, workshops and other events aimed at helping Camden youth learn entrepreneurship, design and more!  
Location: 1250 Haddon Ave., Camden

Phone: 856-295-2344

Website: [camdeneverything.com/](http://camdeneverything.com/)

- ***Free Haven Farms*** - Owned by the couple Micaiah and Cynthia Hall; Micaiah is the former director of Mill Creek Farm in Philadelphia and Cynthia an environmental geochemist as well as an associate professor at West Chester University. They offer virtual summer camps and other educational programs for children ages of the ages 3-8 as well as from ages 9-14.

Locations: 105 Williams St., Lawnside

Phone: 609-332- 4892

Website: [freehaveducationalfarms.com/](http://freehaveducationalfarms.com/)

- ***The Juice Bar*** - A healthy business owned by Seth Amoah and Kelli Mouzon in Merchantville. This Juice Bar offers juices, smoothies, salads, paninis and produce! This place is very vegan friendly and has options for to-go juice!

Location: 22 S. Center St., Merchantville

Phone: 856-324-0436

Website: [thejuicebar.business.site](http://thejuicebar.business.site)

- ***The Tea Store*** has a wonderful array of loose and bagged teas, local honey, coffee, and specialty candies. They also sell teapots, coffeemakers, as well!

Location: 130 Kings Highway East, Haddonfield

Phone: 856-354-0015

Website: [theteastorenj.com](http://theteastorenj.com)

- ***The Wing Kitchen*** - A winner of the show "Chopped" owns this place, Timothy Witcher. He drives sells his delicious buttermilk-fried doughnuts and other desserts. His restaurants are also known for chicken wings, chicken tenders, and hand cut fries.

Locations: 200 Hurffville Road, Turnersville 114 High St. West, Glassboro,

Phones: 856-270-2149                      856-226-3927

Website: [thewingkitchen.com](http://thewingkitchen.com)

- ***Wander Boutique*** - A women's clothing boutique on Haddon Avenue that offers the latest fashion as well as now selling masks.

Location: 825 Haddon Ave., Collingswood

Phone: 856-240-1086

Website: [wander-boutique.com](http://wander-boutique.com)

- **Taste of SOUL, Burlington City** is a restaurant and caterer; the owner, as well as chef, Nancy Miller cooks up Southern comfort food from breakfast until dinner. This soul food includes collard greens, string beans, macaroni and cheese and turkey wings, fish and grits, ribs and chicken and waffles. As of now, due to COVID, there is only take-out and delivery, but now there is also limited outdoor seating.  
Phone: (609) 531-2451  
Location: 345 High St, Burlington, NJ 08016  
Facebook page: @tasteofsoul01
- **Groom Lounge Barbershop** is a full-service shop. Master barber and owner Stephen Hardin, an Eastern High School graduate, offers everything from hot shaves and haircuts to beard grooming services and they also cut, color and perm women's hair. It will reopen on June 22.  
Location:  
1400 Bannard Street, Cinnaminson  
Phone:  
856-735-5282  
Website:  
www.thegroomlounge.com/

## Online based businesses

- **Emmalyn Love** - Cherry Hill; Emmalyn is a fashion blogger that has her own website where feminine clothing and accessories can be purchased.  
<https://shopemmalynlove.com>
- **Shop Israella** - This is a clothing brand that caters to many different feminine styles. This brand was founded by Israel Simmons in 2018.  
<https://shopisraella.com>
- **Jane Carter Solution** - You can find this natural hair brand in some drug stores, but it is also available online if it is not sold anywhere near you. This natural hair brand is eco-friendly!  
<https://janecartersolution.com>
- **Mac'n By Mari** - You can buy these macarons in person in Philly, however, you can also get them shipped to your door! You can personalize your macarons, get a monthly subscription, and/or get vegan options.  
<https://mac-nbymari.com>
- **Mr. Tod's.com** - Mr. Tod's sells pies and has been named one of the best mail-order pie companies in America by trusting sources such as Oprah Magazine.  
<https://mrtods.com>

- **Art Biz Bakery** - This is run by Daveia Odoi offers online courses on digital design as well as a class on how to make a profit in your creative business.

<https://artbizbakery.teachable.com/courses>

- **TLSwim** - This is a website that has quality bathing suits for a fantastic price! The diversity even just in their marketing is groundbreaking and shopping here will not only save you money, but would also put it to making sure there is more diversity in advertising.

<https://tlswim.com>