



Business Owners

Emily Ernes
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City: Erie

Industry: Specialty Retail

Year Founded: 2020

SBDC Assistance: Business plan, forecasting, market research, financial projections, and legal assistance

Consultant: Bill Dietz

Additional Partners:

Glass Growers Gallery has new owner

One of Erie's oldest art galleries has a new owner! For over 46 years, Glass Growers Gallery has been part of the Erie community. Emily Ernes is its new owner as of September 14, 2020. Emily stated she always had aspirations to own a business like Glass Growers and she saw an article in the Erie Times-News that the previous owner was going to sell the business. Emily then contacted the Gannon University Small Business Development Center. After meeting with Bill Dietz, City of Erie Business Consultant, Emily was assisted with business planning, market research, industry forecasting, financial projections, and legal assistance.

After receiving the assistance from the SBDC, Emily was ready to take the big step forward. "It's a big undertaking to start from scratch. I didn't know that now would be the time, but I didn't want to keep putting it off."

Glass Growers Gallery is open for business and has retained the Gallery's two part time employees with years of experience to oversee the day to day operations. You can meet Emily on Saturdays at the Gallery during the month of October from 10am to 3pm or go to glassgrowersgallery.com.