

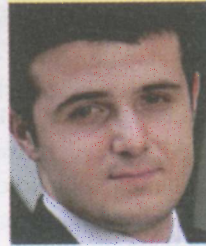
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AWARDS

PRESENTED  
BY THE  
NASHVILLE  
AREA CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE  
AND THE  
ENTREPRENEUR  
CENTER



**RENTSTUFF.COM**  
 105 Broadway Suite 200 (Nashville)  
 Website: RentStuff.com

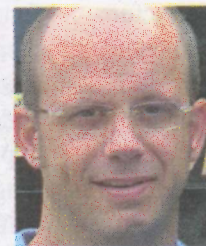
**CEO:** Adam Albright  
**Background:** Rent-  
 Stuff.com connects  
 people looking to rent  
 consumer goods with  
 the rental shops and  
 other individuals that  
 own those items.



**Employees:** 1  
**Albright Speaks:** "Our business model is predicated on helping people get more use out of underutilized assets as opposed to everyone owning their own asset. We believe in making an environmental impact through renting/sharing of items where the purchase of new stuff is reduced."

**EARTHSAVERS, LLC**  
 Website: earthsavers.org  
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**CEO:** Bobby Bandy  
**Bandy speaks:** "Business can be about much more than profits and egos. It provides the opportunity to develop relationships with clients, vendors and staff. Those relationships can then instill purpose and sustain families."



**GRAND AVENUE**  
 186 North 1st St (Nashville)  
 Website:  
 www.grandavenueworldwide.com

**CEO:** Carl Haley  
**Background:** Grand  
 Avenue was founded  
 by Carl Haley Jr. in  
 2009 and has become  
 the leading chauffeured transportation



provider in Middle Tennessee. Haley recognized tremendous opportunity in the Nashville market, and developed Grand Avenue to uniquely accommodate an extensive array of local, national and international clients.

**Employees:** 87  
**Haley Speaks:** "I believe you must 'walk the walk' if you're going to 'talk the talk'. Leading by example is something that I feel is imperative to the growth of every team member as well as the company as a whole. Being willing to take a risk and think ahead of the pack is a requirement that can make the difference between leading and following."

**DC2 HEALTHCARE**  
 Website: www.dc2holdings.com  
 (Full description, Page 4)

**CEO:** Christina Cook  
**Cook speaks:** "My philosophy is that every individual has special gifts. These gifts are strengths that will override their weaknesses."



**AMERICAN HOMETOWN MEDIA**  
 Website: www.justapinch.com  
 (Full description, Page 4)

**CEO:** Dan Hammond  
**Hammond speaks:** "I believe people secretly wish to walk through fire for others but rarely get the opportunity to do so. Give them a reason to do so."



**TNA ENTERTAINMENT**  
 Website: www.impactwrestling.com  
 (Full description, Page 7)

**CEO:** Dixie Carter  
**Carter speaks:** "I don't care who you are, competition makes you better. There's a reason why there's a Lowe's across the street from every Home Depot and a CVS across the street from every Walgreens."



**CENTRESOURCE**  
 1313 4th Avenue North (Nashville)  
 Website: www.centresource.com

**CEO:** Evan Owens  
**Background:** Centre-  
 source is an interactive  
 agency that makes  
 web and mobile  
 experiences better  
 by defining an MVP,  
 crafting a marketing  
 strategy and measuring results.  
**Employees:** 31  
**Owens speaks:** "I have learned to ask for help. Nashville is an amazing city full of people who are willing to give you a hand if you simply ask. Often all it takes is humbling yourself to gain knowledge."



**THE LITTLE IMAGINARY GIRL**  
 102 Covey Ct. (Smyrna)  
 Website: www.littleimaginarygirl.com

**CEO:** Evane Stoner  
**Background:** The  
 Little Imaginary Girl  
 sells various crafts  
 along with fun, vin-  
 tage-inspired jewelry  
 and accessories that  
 appeal to fashionis-  
 tas everywhere. TLIG products appear  
 online, in boutiques, and at craft shows.  
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**Stoner Speaks:** "Each day, I live my life not in pursuit of the end result, but rather in pursuit of that which harnesses my inner-most passions."

**NASHVILLE TOFFEE COMPANY**  
 Website:  
 www.nashvilletoffeecompany.com

**CEO:** George Cohn  
**Background:** Maker  
 of hand crafted, all  
 natural, gourmet  
 almond toffees and ar-  
 tisan chocolate barks.



**Cohn Speaks:** "We use recyclable materials whenever possible and utilize a very green process in our candy making. We give much back to our community in the form of charitable

contributions - you will probably find a tin of our toffee at the next silent auction you attend."

**STRATASAN**  
 Website: www.stratasan.com  
 (Full description, Page 5)

**CEO:** Jason Moore  
**Moore speaks:** "The most important leadership trait is selection and identification of people and setting relevant company goals. If you don't hire the right people, it doesn't matter what the company does, it won't be successful."



**LEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
 1015 Davidson Drive (Nashville)  
 Website: www.leadpublicschools.org

**CEO:** Jeremy Kane  
**Background:** LEAD  
 Public Schools is Ten-  
 nessee's first charter  
 school management  
 organization. We do  
 "Whatever It Takes" to  
 gain college accep-  
 tance for 100% of our students.



**Kane Speaks:** "Our organization was founded to dramatically improve the quality of education for low-income and minority students in Nashville. That goal forces our staff members at all levels to share ideas that will improve our organization and the service we provide. Everyone is encouraged to test new methods that give meaning to our 'Whatever It Takes' motto."

**THE PASTA SHOPPE**  
 2728 Eugenia Avenue (Nashville)  
 Website: pastashoppe.com

**CEO:** Aron John  
**Background:** The  
 world's largest selec-  
 tion of fun pasta  
 shapes, all manufac-  
 tured in our Nashville  
 plant and sold online.



**John Speaks:** "We have taken what is old

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**Geek Breakfast Nashville**

www.facebook.com/nashville-geekbreakfast  
A monthly community-driven meeting for technology-minded individuals, businesses and entrepreneurs

**Nashville Technology Council**

105 Broadway, Suite 200,  
Nashville, TN 37201  
Liza Lowery Massey, President and CEO  
615-873-1284  
lmassey@technologycouncil.com  
www.technologycouncil.com  
An affiliate of the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce devoted to helping the Middle Tennessee technology community succeed

**Center for Entrepreneurship,**

**Lipscomb University**  
One University Park Drive  
Nashville, TN  
joe.ivey@lipscomb.edu  
615-966-6229  
www.lipscomb.edu/  
entrepreneurship  
Outreach and classes for students and community

**Center for Entrepreneurship,**

**Vanderbilt University**  
Outreach and classes for students and community  
401 21st Avenue South  
Nashville, TN 37206  
oec@owen.vanderbilt.edu  
www2.owen.vanderbilt.edu/oec/  
Outreach and classes for students and community

**Center for Entrepreneurship,**

**Belmont University**  
1900 Belmont Blvd  
Nashville, TN 37212-3757  
615-460-6605  
www.belmont.edu/business/  
entrepreneurship/index.html  
Outreach and classes for students and community

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entrepreneurship was for rich people.”

Clay Jackson, head of marketing for the EC, said Nashville’s entrepre-

neurial explosion is by design.

“There’s really an incredible amount of idea flow and interaction across a lot of lines,” Jackson said. “It’s not just about

the Entrepreneur Center, it’s about a lot of teamwork, interaction and awareness among a lot of groups—the Chamber of Commerce and its sub-organizations; the academic institutions,

which have all stepped it up with programs for entrepreneurs and many, many successful entrepreneurs who’ve been willing to mentor and coach others.”

“We’re an overnight success that’s been building for a long time,” Jackson added. “We hear from people all over the country—from New York to Silicon Valley. We’re a hotbed.”



**AMERICAN HOMETOWN MEDIA**  
110 Third Avenue North  
(Franklin)



**Website:** www.justapinch.com  
**CEO:** Dan Hammond  
**Background:** A vertical social network based on food and coupons, with the largest crowd-sourced database of recipes and a deep engagement on the internet. The company has plans to embrace old media as well, including traditional publishing in new forms, TV broadcasting, and electronic fund transfer.  
**Employees:** 13  
**Hammond speaks:** “Hire ‘believers’ with a passion for the business and then provide them with the tools they need and an environment in which they can succeed.”

**ARTIST GROWTH**  
521 Gallatin Avenue  
(Nashville)



**Website:** www.artistgrowth.com  
**CEO:** Matt Urmy

**Background:** Artist Growth is a ground-breaking, cloud-based mobile and web platform for managing and mentoring artists. The company conceived, designed, developed and launched a fully-integrated, cloud-synched platform for web, iphone, and Android in less than 7 months.  
**Employees:** 4  
**Urmy speaks:** “By focusing the team on the goals of the company, they begin to self-manage to a large degree because of the sense that their destiny is in their own hands.”

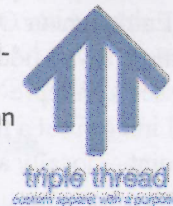
**DC2 HEALTHCARE**  
209 10th Avenue (Nashville)



**Website:** www.dc2holdings.com  
**CEO:** Christina Cook  
**Background:** DC2 Healthcare aligns physicians, hospitals, and payers through research which produces metrics related to improved patient outcomes and cost efficiencies. DC2 is committed to making a difference in the lives of patients, helping them find the right doctors and treatments.  
**Employees:** 12  
**Cook speaks:** “As a leader, giving 100% to the business and its people, with passion and daily drive, is critical.”

**DISMAS, Inc. dba TRIPLE THREAD APPAREL**  
109 17th Avenue (Nashville)

**Website:** www.triplethread-apparel.com  
**CEO:** Bill Coleman  
**Background:** Triple Thread creates custom screen-print apparel while reconciling former offenders to society through job training and employment opportunities. Dismas House employs ex-offenders in apparel operations and cultivates them into speakers, team leaders, and social entrepreneurs.  
**Coleman speaks:** “Successfully transitioning former offenders has a direct and significant impact on the economic prosperity of Middle Tennessee.”



**FLO (THINKERY)**  
3 Cannery Row (Nashville)



**Website:** www.findyourflo.com  
**CEO:** Mark Montgomery  
**Background:** Flo provides strategies for the decision-makers in digital media and entertainment. Flo is committed to helping build, shape, and push forward the Nashville entrepreneurial ecosystem, providing thought leadership, challenging the status quo, and creating initiatives that feed this larger goal.  
**Employees:** 7

**Montgomery speaks:** “You have to be at least half crazy and not care what people think or say about you, because if you are on to something big, most people won’t recognize it early.”

**IQUANTIFI**  
109 International Drive  
(Franklin)



**Website:** www.iquantifi.com  
**CEO:** Tom White  
**Background:** iQuantifi creates software that automates and personalizes financial advice. IQuantifi targets those who do not have access to professional financial advice due to asset requirements imposed by financial advisor communities.  
**Employees:** 4  
**White speaks:** “You do not need to have a degree or even experience in a specific industry to start a company in that industry. What you need is a clear vision for the company and to identify the right people to be on your team.”

**JVBO, INC./BITCHSTRAPS**  
172 2nd Avenue North  
(Nashville)



**Website:** www.Bitchstraps.com  
**CEO:** Jeff Bell  
**Background:** Bitchstraps, a family-owned company, makes