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LIFTING SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS IN FLORIDA
LiftFund, Nation's Largest Nonprofit Small Business Lender, Makes First Loan Florida

Florida – LiftFund – the nation's largest nonprofit microlender which provides capital, education and other resources to small business owners – is excited to announce its first loan recipient in the state of Florida, Chris Dickerson of Corner Natural Foods, LLC, since entering the market in July. LiftFund recently began accepting small business loan applications in Florida, and providing the online tools needed to start, stabilize or grow a business.

An accomplished chef and businessman, Dickerson launched Corner Taco in 1999 as a food truck business. As his business grew he purchased a physical location for a restaurant. He came to LiftFund, through an Iberia Bank referral, seeking financial support to further expand and grow his business.

"It is our mission to help individuals start or grow their small business and it is with great excitement that we announce making our first loan in the state of Florida since we expanded our services into this area," said Janie Barrera, President and CEO of LiftFund. "This is only the beginning and we look forward to building strong partnerships with Iberia Bank and other community organizations to help small business owners succeed and thrive."

For more than 21 years, LiftFund, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has helped individuals achieve the American Dream by providing small business loans to those who do not have access to capital from typical lending sources. LiftFund provides educational services at no cost to borrowers, which are essential to foster self-sufficiency.

About LiftFund

Established in 1994 in San Antonio, Texas, LiftFund is a financial and business-support service organization that helps entrepreneurs strengthen their businesses, stabilize and increase their incomes, create employment and contribute to the economic revitalization of their communities. LiftFund has the nation's largest microlender portfolio and is committed to providing capital to entrepreneurs who do not have access to loans from commercial sources. Since its inception, LiftFund has made over 16,000 loans totaling more than \$190 million.