



DENISE MCCREERY

OCCUPATION:
Owner, d'Vine Gourmet

Denise McCreery loves to make people happy, and she's grateful that she is able to do that every day as the owner of a specialty store featuring locally made gourmet foods and gift baskets since 2003.

"We make a little difference in everyone's day when they receive one of our delicious gifts,"

she says.

Married for 23 years, she started her business 16 years ago because she saw a lack of options for locally made gifts and was looking for a flexible schedule for her two toddler children.

A true asset to Chandler's small business community, she is always ready and willing to mentor other small business owners and promote local.

"I have personally helped almost a dozen small food businesses launch," she explains. "We let people use our commercial kitchen to establish proof of concept and are often advisors at start-up events and business organizations. I fully believe that a rising tide lifts all boats."

Denise is also known for her charitable generosity; one of her favorites is ICAN, which provides positive programming for local youth in Chandler.—MTE

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