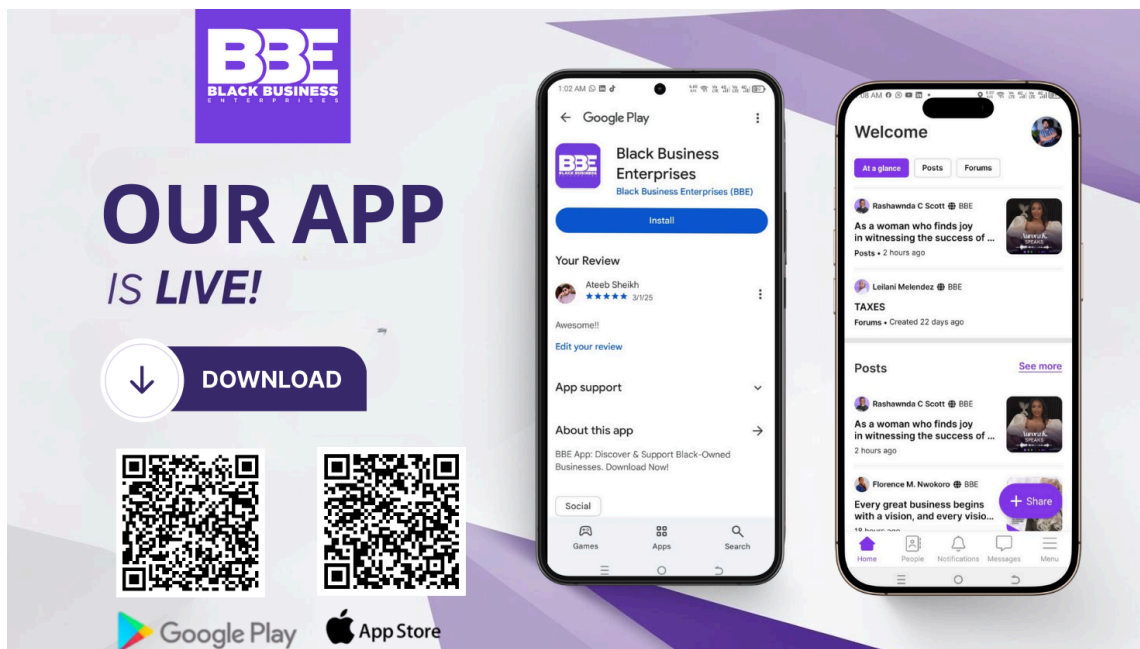




## Exciting News!!!



Get to **connect, grow, thrive and enjoy the community** like never before!  
We bring you **exclusive resources, networking, and business solutions**  
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OPEN

# BBE

**BLACK BUSINESS**  
E N T E R P R I S E S



**BBE Membership is OPEN—Join the Movement!**

Are you a **Black entrepreneur, business owner, or aspiring leader** looking for a **thriving community, exclusive opportunities, and real business growth?**

**This is your moment!**

**JOIN US**



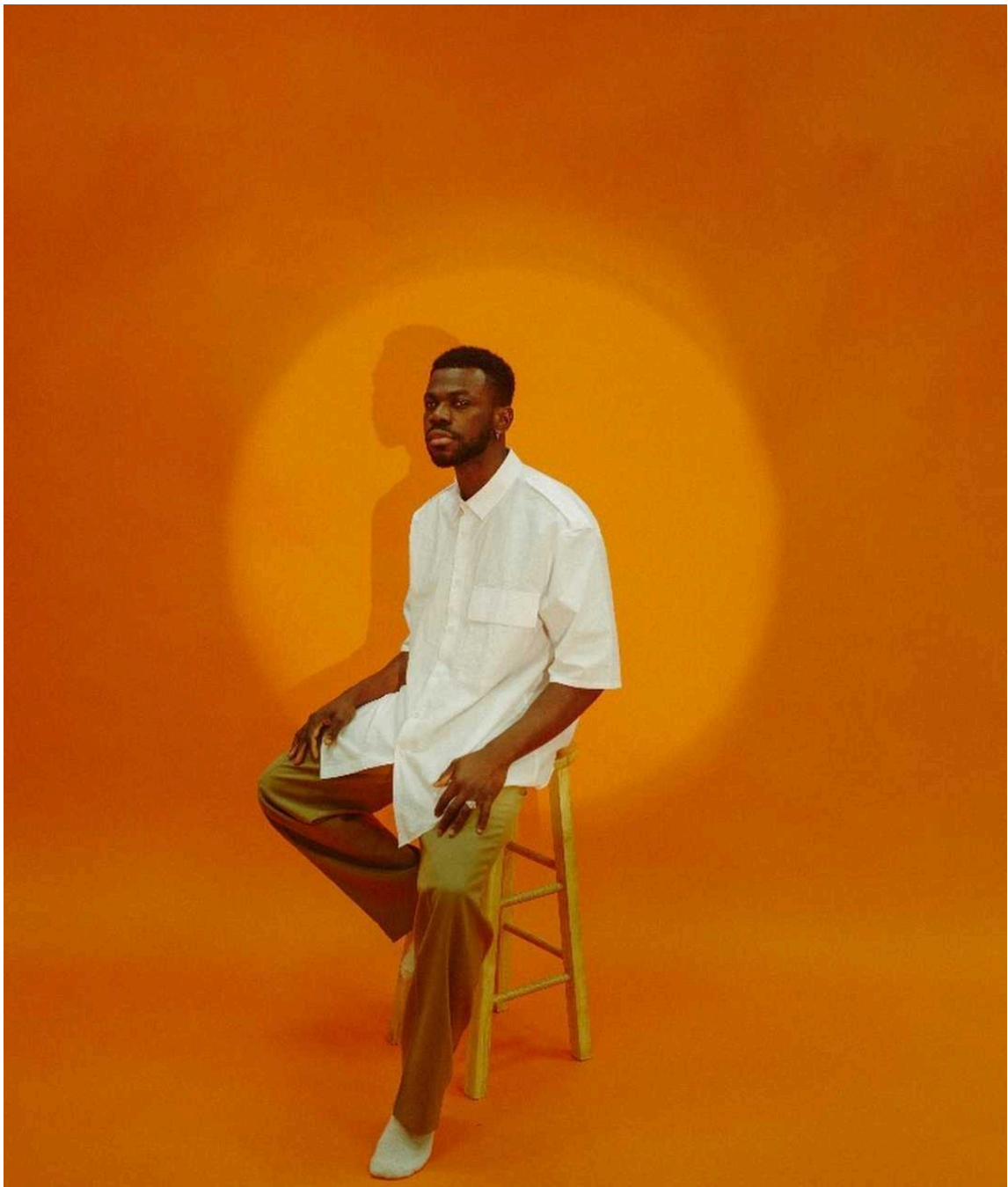
A big shoutout to all the **BBE** members celebrating their birthdays in **April**!  
May your special day be filled with happiness, laughter, and cherished memories. Here's to you!

BBE members, please kindly share your membership updated information [here](#).

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**THANK YOU!**





A special shoutout to **AKAMA** for his talent, dedication, and unwavering support in capturing these moments so beautifully for our members. His work goes beyond photography, he help tell the stories of our entrepreneurs, and for that, we are deeply grateful.  
Connect with him **[HERE](#)**

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## Now Accepting Applications for the 2026 True Inspiration Awards®



The True Inspiration Awards program was created in 2015 to honor the legacy of Chick-fil-A founder S. Truett Cathy. [Learn more about the True Inspiration Awards program and 2025 winners.](#)

[Applications for the 2026 Awards are now open.](#) Apply by **May 1st, 2025, at 11:59pm EDT**. If you're new to our platform, please register your organization.

**Apply Now**

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## Halstead Grant

The Halstead Grant is an annual award for emerging silver jewelry artists. Applicants submit answers to 15 business questions in addition to their design portfolios. The experience is designed to help jewelry entrepreneurs create a strategy to kick-start their careers. The grand prize is a \$7,500 cash grant plus other benefits.

[\*\*APPLY HERE\*\*](#)



## Hustler's Microgrant

This \$1,000 grant supports passionate entrepreneurs in their small business ventures. It is open to small business owners across the U.S. and is available on a monthly basis.

Deadline: Rolling   Eligibility: Small business owners   Reward: \$1,000

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## **Skip Grant**

Discover & apply to grants, financings, and credit cards on the largest funding marketplace in the US

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## **The Amber Grant**

WomensNet founded the “Amber Grant” in 1998. The grant was set up with one goal in mind: to honor the memory of a very special young woman, Amber Wigdahl, who died at just 19 years old — before realizing her business dreams.

**APPLY HERE**

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## **Wish Local Empowerment Program**

Wish Local is a series of programs that allows small businesses to partner with Wish. Stores select which programs to participate in. They can sell their inventory on Wish, act as neighborhood Wish pickup locations, source wholesale items, and more. Wish is a mobile-shopping app that has over 500 million shoppers around the world. When you partner with Wish you gain access to Wish’s huge consumer base.

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# *Business*

SPOTLIGHT



**CLOWN SQUAD ENTERTAINMENT**



Joseph "Juice" Sutton is a seasoned entertainer, comedian, and professional emcee with nearly a decade of experience in stand-up comedy, acting, and event hosting. As the CEO and Founder of Clown Squad ENT, his mission is to create unforgettable moments and bring joy to audiences—one laugh at a time.

Juice has shared the stage with legends like Dave Chappelle, KevOnStage, Snoop Dogg, and Tony Baker, and his talent has landed him appearances on BET, ESPN, TNT, FUSE TV, CW, TBS, Amazon Video, Netflix, and MAX. He has been nominated for the KIA Comedian of the Year (2018 & 2024) and had the honor of hosting the NHL Global Series in Stockholm, Sweden. His acting credits include roles in *Tyler Perry's House of Payne* and *Meet the Browns*.

Beyond performing, Juice also specializes in social media consulting, helping entertainers grow and monetize their brands. **Catch his comedy special taping on May 24th at the Music Box Theatre in Minneapolis.**

For bookings and more, visit [www.TheRealJuiceSutton.com](http://www.TheRealJuiceSutton.com) or follow him on social media:

IG: @TherealJuiceSutton TikTok: @RealJuiceSutton YouTube: Clown Squad ENT Twitch: @TherealJuiceSutton

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# Upcoming EVENTS



**VAN**  
VOLUNTEER  
ACCELERATOR  
NETWORK  
A MEDA PROGRAM

## APPRECIATION Event

REGISTER  
TODAY



THURSDAY APRIL 10, 2025  
5-8 PM

1128 HARMON PLACE SUITE 200  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN

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## MEDA's Volunteer Accelerator Network Appreciation Event!

 Thursday April 10th, 2025.

 5PM - 8PM

**Join us for an evening of celebration!**

Location: The Luxe at Harmon Place by BBE (MPLS)

The event is totally FREE!

Register



## Who She Think She Is?

 Saturday April 12th, 2025.

 7 PM

Are you ready?! Tap into a night of raw, unapologetic artistry as Lt. Sunnie takes the stage with *Who She Think She Is?*—a bold fusion of rap, singing, and movement.

The night features:

- **Networking (6-7 PM):** Black Women-Owned Business vendors, dancing, beverages & hors d'oeuvres.
- **DJ Smiles:** Spinning 90s classics & today's hits.
- **Mid-Husbands:** Hilarious improv comedy by Docta, Brotha, Mista.
- **Rondo Double Dutch:** High-energy interactive jump rope experience.
- **Lt. Sunnie's Headlining Set:** Backed by a live quartet, unveiling new music from her EP.

A night where artistry meets activism, sound meets movement, and identity is celebrated. Let's gooo!

Register



## WOMAN2WOMAN!

 Sunday, April 13th 2025.

 3 PM - 6 PM

Girl...you don't have to suffer in silence!

You are not crazy!

Your body is changing!

Your lack of focus is not necessarily ADHD

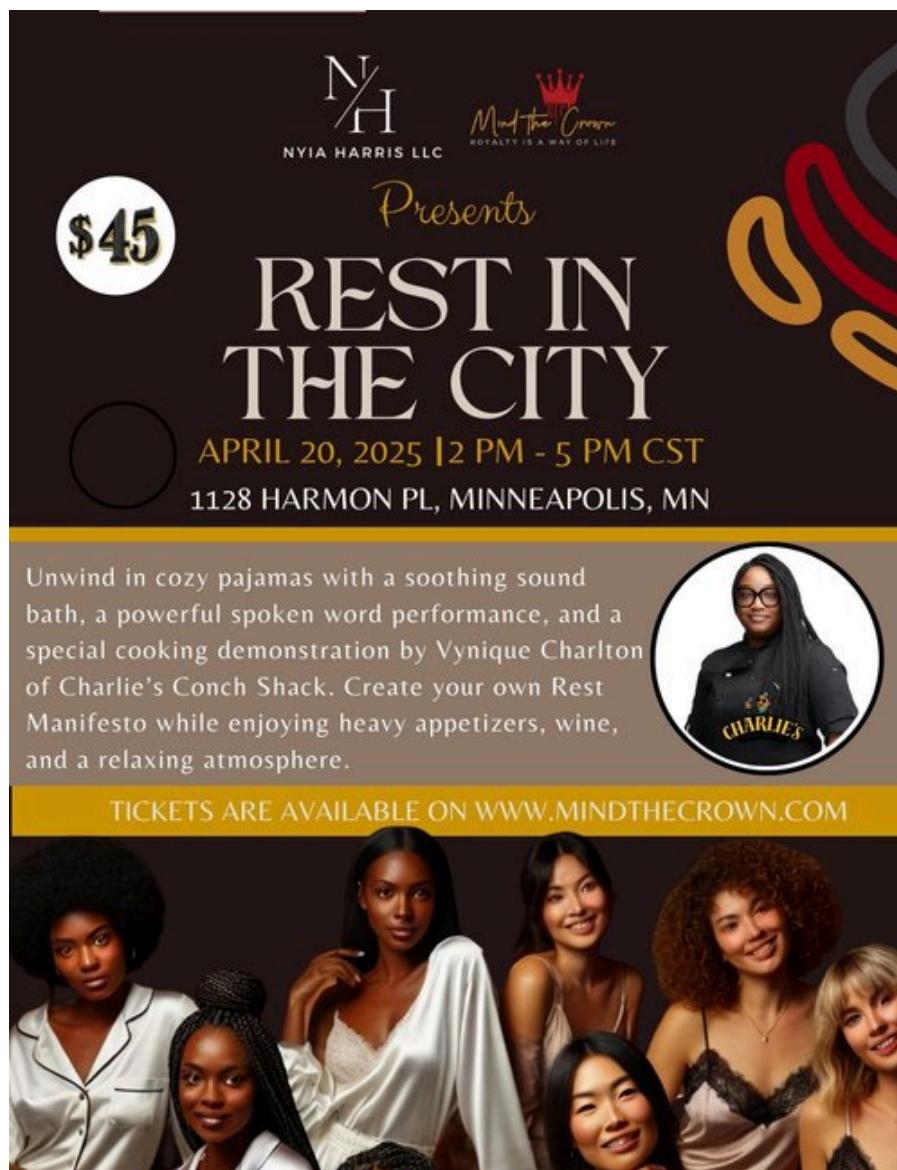
The gag is every older woman you know may have experienced something similar but In SILENCE

BUT the 92% are invited to SPEAK UP at Woman 2 Woman on April 13th.

Lets Share. Grow. Thrive together

[Register](#)





## Rest In The City!



Sunday, April 20th. 2025.



2 PM - 5 PM

Nyia Harris LLC and Mind the Crown are hosting Rest in the City on Sunday, April 20, and if your body, mind, or spirit is craving stillness... this is for you. Come in your PJs, your loungewear, your robe—shoot, keep your bonnet on if that's your vibe. This is about rest on your own terms. We're creating a cozy, affirming space for:

- A restorative sound bath
- A cooking demo from Vynique Charlton of Charlie's Couch Shack
- Spoken word that speaks to the soul
- Heavy appetizers + wine
- Personal Rest Manifesto writing
- Meaningful dialogue with other women who just get it! It's not about productivity. It's about permission. To pause. To reflect. To restore. Black Business Enterprises

**Register**

## **YOUR HOME HAS EARNED EQUITY- NOW PUT IT TO WORK!**



**FUND YOUR DREAMS, TACKLE  
DEBT, OR GROW YOUR WEALTH  
JOIN US TO LEARN & DINNER:**



**RENT OUT YOUR HOME FOR EXTRA  
INCOME & FUND A NEW HOME**



**BUY AN INVESTMENT PROPERTY & BUILD  
WEALTH**



**ACCESS YOUR HOMES EQUITY TO FUND  
YOUR DESIRE**



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**6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**



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## **Your Home Has Earned Equity - Now Put It To Work**

 **Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. 2025.**

 **6 PM - 7:30 PM**

Welcome to the **'Your Home has Earned Equity- Now Put it to Work'** event! Join us at the **Brooklyn Park Library - Hennepin County Library** for an informative session on maximizing the equity in your home.

Learn valuable tips and strategies on how to make the most of your home's equity. Whether you're looking to renovate, invest, or simply want to understand

your options, this event is perfect for homeowners like you. Don't miss out on this opportunity to put your home's equity to work for you!

[Register](#)

**CHARLIE'S CONCH SHACK PRESENTS**

**RAKE n SCRAPE Party**

**ADMISSION \$35**

**FEATURING JULIEN BELIEVE**

**A TASTE OF THE BAHAMAS IN THE TWIN CITIES**

MUSIC BY: INTERNATIONAL DJ

**FRIDAY | APRIL 25TH | 7PM TO 11PM CST**

1128 HARMON PL SUITE, #200, MINNEAPOLIS, MN

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**STREET PARKING AVAILABLE ARRIVE EARLY**

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**Rake-n-Scrape Party, A Taste of The Bahamas in the Twins Cities!**



Friday, April 25th, 2025.



I am the proud owner of Charlie's Conch Shack, Vynique Charlton a.k.a The Queen of Conch. Join us as we come together to honor and celebrate the vibrant beauty of Bahamian culture! This event is more than a party, it is a heartfelt opportunity to **bridge communities**, bringing people from all walks of life together to share in the joy of music, food, and traditions.

The event will take place on **Friday, Apr 25, 2025 at 7:00 PM** at the **BBE-Black Business Enterprise Headquarters**. Do not miss out on this opportunity to immerse yourself in the energy and soul of Bahamian traditions.

A special thank you for my current sponsors: BBE: Black Business Enterprise and iCreate International Inc.

**Register**

COME OUT AND CELEBRATE AT THE  
R&B EDIBLES

# LAUNCH PARTY!

Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 1pm - 4pm  
1128 Harmon Place, Minneapolis, MN 55403

**Join us for an unforgettable afternoon at our launch party!**

Come celebrate the debut of **Puff Puff Pop**, our new delicious THC infused popcorn! Be among the first to experience our mouthwatering flavors and special promotions. Enjoy great music, mingle with fellow snack enthusiasts, and take part in exciting giveaways! Don't miss out on the chance to make new friends and create lasting memories. Come out to support Rasheem and Brian and let's pop this party off together!



**We can't wait to see you there!**

THIS IS A 21+ EVENT



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**This is a 21+ event**

**No Cannabis is allowed at this event**

**Register**

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## Mommy & Me Soirée!

 Sunday, May 4th. 2025.

 5 PM

Don't miss out on this incredible day of fun, food, and family. Bring your daughters, mothers, and grandmothers and let's make magic happen together!

We can't wait to see you there!

[Register](#)





**BLACK AND WHITE OUT**

# GENTLEMEN'S NIGHT

**Men in Free  
Ladies \$40  
@ the door  
\$30 in  
advance**

**Dress code enforced**

- No sneakers
- No white T's
- No caps
- No sweats

**30+**

**MAY | 18 | 2025**

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5PM - 10PM

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Featuring **DJ DIME**

For more info or VIP Seating call 763-228-1820

## GENTLEMENT'S NIGHT!



Sunday, May 18th. 2025.



5 PM - 10 PM

Get ready for TRU Royalty's black and white gentleman's night on May 18 from 5 PM to 10 PM. Men getting free and ladies pay \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door if you are not single come on out and treat your man for a fun night out hors d'oeuvres will be served a cash bar for cocktails and free photos, and a few surprise guest's for a night to remember come show off your best black-and-white or black or white for a chance to win a prize in five different categories don't miss out on a night to remember get your tickets now ladies!

**Register**



## OUR CORE VALUES

1. Lead with Love
2. Show up!
3. Invest in Yourself
4. Give Back
5. **JEDI** is Everything

**J**USTICE  
**E**QUITY  
**D**IVERSITY  
**I**NCLUSION

We are excited to bring you the latest news and updates from our organization. As a collective of Black-owned businesses, we continue to strive towards empowering ourselves and our communities through economic growth and development.

We are seeking individuals who share our core values and are committed to upholding them.

[CLICK TO ALL THINGS BBE](#)

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## 1-1 MEETING WITH NANCY

**Duration:** 30 minutes

**Platform:** Web conferencing details  
provided upon confirmation.

### **Discussion Points:**

Let's explore how we can elevate your business to new heights. Together, we'll refine your strategy, enhance your business plan, and turn your vision into reality. Ready to take the next step?

**BOOK A CALL**



We welcome you to stand with us in our mission. By backing Black-owned businesses, you're not just fostering economic growth within our community, but also advancing equality and social justice.

Your contributions play a pivotal role in empowering us to sustain our goal of nurturing a flourishing community of Black-owned enterprises. We're confident that through your kindness, we can forge a brighter tomorrow for both ourselves and future generations.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation for your ongoing support and generosity. Together, we have the power to enact meaningful change.

**DONATE**

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## WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER?



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Rent our space for events, birthday parties, graduation, dinners, workshops, small weddings, and more!

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## PROGRAMS

Credit Workshops, Marketing,  
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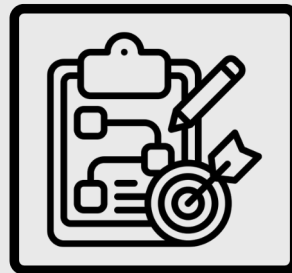
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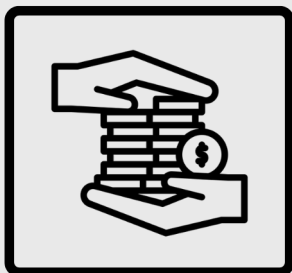
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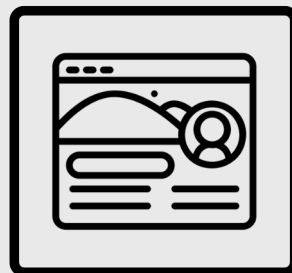
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Podcast:Credit in the Arts**

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# EVENTS

Join us at our monthly events to learn, connect with potential customers, expand your professional network and get to know your supportive business family.

**EVENTS**

# MEMBERSHIP

Not a member yet?

Join our growing community of Entrepreneurs!

We all need a YOU

Let us help you with your business!

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## CREDIT

We give our members an opportunity to learn how to improve their credit and how to legally dispute incorrect items on their report, pay off debts and improve their financial lives.

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## Hello BBE Members,

We are in the process of updating our records and kindly request all members to complete the information update by filling out the following form.

[UPDATE INFORMATION FORM](#)



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