No one, especially Debra, expected to be filing for bankruptcy after enduring two work mergers and layoffs. Debra decided she needed to rebuild her life by opening a small business focused on the positive and happy experiences working with dogs. With her combined passion and business background, she opened Happy Houston Pets LLC, a one-of-a-kind, cage-free pet resort and dog bakery.

When her business outgrew its location, her accountant referred her to LiftFund for a loan to make the property dog-friendly. Debra plans to pass on the business to her son, John. "It will be his and his family’s, and I hope it continues on," she said.

**About LiftFund in Houston**

In 1998, LiftFund started serving the great city of Houston’s small business economy. Since then, we’ve served over 2,700 entrepreneurs with over $46.7 million in small business loans. With every $1 we lend to small businesses, they generate an average economic impact of $14 for their community.
2017 Lending and Impact in Houston

Number of Loans: 167
Total Loan Amount: $5.1 million
Average Loan Size: $30,309
Number of Jobs Created: 301
Number of Consultations: 582 hours

"My son was 16, I was a single mom, and I lost everything... My proudest moment was when I was officially in business and had to move into a bigger space."

Debra Sullivan
Happy Houston Pets LLC

Client Profile

- 59% Men
- 41% Women

- 44% African-American
- 26% Hispanic
- 20%
- 10%
- Other

Our History & Mission

LiftFund is dedicated to providing financial education and credit services to entrepreneurs who do not have access to loans from traditional commercial sources.

We began our work in 1994 in San Antonio, Texas with the mission to connect underserved small businesses with capital and support. Since then LiftFund has grown from serving one city to thirteen states and provided over $270 million to more than 20,000 small business owners throughout our footprint.

We are proud to be fueling the Houston business economy. Join us in supporting small businesses by connecting with us today.

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