

THE VILLAGE *cafe*

"We believe that entrepreneurship, access to quality food, and strong community spaces are critical ingredients to a healthy, prosperous place."



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Background on The Village, LLC

The Village, LLC is the creation of D.C. natives and former high school classmates, Ryan Williams, Mahammad Mangum and Kevon King. The company was formed as an LLC on February 18, 2018 to provide locally sourced food and drinks from underserved, aspiring and budding entrepreneurs, serving as a platform for those business owners to showcase their talents and connect with other communities. In addition to serving coffee, the café also offers hot and cold sandwiches, salads and pastries featuring local ingredients.

Recent Developments

It was October, 2017 when the young men first approached the DCSBDC at the Anacostia Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) to engage its assistance in the development of their business. The DCSBDC in the presence of its business counselor, accommodated them by assisting and guiding their efforts in the composition of a financeable business plan and by sourcing startup financing in the amount of \$50,000. The loan by WACIF closed in July, 2018.

The Village Café is currently located in the heart of the Union Market District at 1272 5th Street NE of Washington, DC. It occupies approximately 1000 square feet of space in a new office building. Its accommodations are such that they are located next to the bookstore, *Politics and Prose*, for whom they serve as the local café for the bookstore's clientele.

Through much effort and the assistance of others, like AEDC, their landlord, WACIF, SBA and DC SBDC the dream became a reality in October 2018.

