

2022 Brookline's Diverse and Inclusive Business Directory



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Summary

The Brookline Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Community Relations in collaboration with the Brookline Economic Development and Long Term Planning Division are taking steps to more closely support our community's DBEs. The Office of Diversity Inclusion and Community Relations has compiled a Diverse and Inclusive Business Directory to highlight and celebrate Brookline's diverse and inclusive independent business community. Our directory also features businesses that are accessible. We hope this directory will serve as a marketing and networking tool for businesses, as well as help the Town of Brookline better align and develop programs and resources to meet the needs of Brookline's diverse businesses. This Directory is available to the public. You must be a Brookline business to be included in the Directory. We will be updating the directory annually to encourage our residents to start off the new year by supporting our community's local diverse and inclusive businesses.

Legend

W	Business or entity is majority owned by a woman or women	M	Business or entity is majority- owned by a person or persons identifying as a racial minority
LGBTQ+	Business or entity is majorityowned by a person or persons identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, or queer	V	Business or entity is majority- owned by a veteran or veterans
D	Business or entity is majorityowned by a person or persons with a disability	P	Business or entity is majority- owned by a person or persons of Portuguese descent
	Business or entity is ADA accessible		

Brookline Eats

Boca Grande Taqueria **W**

Food Services/Bakeries/Restaurants

Mexican Restaurant

Brookline Village

3 Harvard St, Brookline MA 02445

Website: Bocagranderestaurant.com

Phone: (617) 277-8900

Email: bocaburrito@gmail.com

Languages Spoken: Spanish

Accommodations: As requested

Martin's Coffee Shop **M**

Food Services/Bakeries/Restaurants

A breakfast and lunch diner offering meals made from scratch and with local ingredients.

Brookline Village

35 Harvard St, Brookline MA 02445

Website: Martinscoffeeshop.com

Phone: (617) 686-6920

Email: klajdistefo@gmail.com

On Instagram and Twitter

Languages Spoken: Spanish, Russian, Albanian

Accommodations: Language access and delivery option

Rami's

M

Food Services/Bakeries/Restaurants

Middle Eastern/Israeli cuisine

Coolidge Corner

324 Harvard St, Brookline MA 02446

Website: Ramisboston.com

Phone: (617) 738-3577

Email: info@ramisboston.com

Languages Spoken: Spanish, Hebrew

Accommodations: Delivery offered and multilingual

Serenade Chocolatier **W**

Chocolatier

Artisan chocolates made in an open kitchen

Brookline Village

5 Harvard St, Brookline MA 02445

Website: Serenadechocolatier.com

Phone: (617) 739-0795

Email: chocolate@serenadechocolatier.com

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese
and Turkish

Shan-A-Punjab

M W 

Food Services/Bakeries/Restaurants

Indian Food

Coolidge Corner

Asian American/Pacific Islander Owned Business

500 Harvard St, Brookline MA 02446

Website: Shanapunjab.com

Phone: (646) 708-1748

● Email: shanapunjab@yahoo.com

Languages Spoken: Hindi, Punjabi

Accommodations: Delivery



Brookline Shops

Finecreationsjewelry **W**

Home/Online Based Business

Handcrafted whimsical wearable and sustainable jewelry by local female artisan. Inspired by nature and texture.

Website: finecreationsjewelry.com

Phone: (617) 335-4326

● Email: madeline@finecreationsjewelry.com

On Instagram, Tumblr, and Facebook

Accommodations: On Line Ordering, Shipping and Contactless Curbside Pickup

Mall Discount Liquor **M**

Liquor/package store

Asian American/Pacific Islander Owned Business

Coolidge Corner

525 Harvard St, Brookline MA 02446

Phone: (617) 391-8796

Email: chirag429@live.com

Simons Shoes



Retail

Women's and Men's shoes and accessories, handbags, socks, gloves, scarves.

Coolidge Corner

282 Harvard St, Brookline MA 02446

Website: Simonsshoes.com

Phone: (617) 277-8980

● Email: Michael@SimonsShoes.com

Languages Spoken: Hebrew, Spanish

Accommodations: Free delivery

23% of employees are POC



Brookline Art



Artist Trekker

M

Art, Music, and Design Services
Online Business

Since its founding in 2010, Artist Trekker has represented a diverse group of contemporary fine artists from Bangladesh. Our mission is to reinvent the South Asian art buying experience and bring art into everyday conversations.

Asian American/Pacific Islander Owned Business

Website: Artisttrekker.com

Languages Spoken: Bengali





Endpaper Studio

M W

Art, Music, and Design Services

Online based Business located in Coolidge Corner

Endpaper Studio is the work of George Restrepo and Lisa Diercks. Our award-winning book and cover designs focus on food, arts, pop culture, travel, natural history, and current events.

LatinX and Asian American/Pacific Islander Owned

Website: Endpaperstudio.com

Phone: (617) 372-2600

Email: hello@endpaperstudio.com

Languages Spoken: Spanish



Feet of Clay Pottery **W**

Art, Music, and Design Services

We provide an independent working environment for artists who work in clay, as well as beginning through advanced pottery classes.

Brookline Village

● 21 Station St, Brookline MA 02445

Website: Feetofclaypottery.com

Phone: (617) 731-3262

Email: jwymmanmillion@gmail.com

Accommodations: There is Ramp access

The Picture Place **LGBTQ+**

Art, Music, and Design Services

The Picture Place provides custom picture framing and printing for Brookline in the surrounding Boston area.

Coolidge Corner

320A Brookline MA 02446

Website: Pictureplacebrookline.com

Phone: (617) 277-4357

Email: pictureplacebrookline@gmail.com

Access features: Automatic door, Door flush to sidewalk

Station Street Studios, LLC



Art, Music, and Design Services

A new shared studio space geared to graphic artists, photographers, printmakers, and painters with members who teach both virtually and in-person

Brookline Village

17 Station St, 2L Brookline MA 02445

Follow on Social Media @stationststudios

Phone: (617) 823-3532

Email: aebrowning@browningpublishing.org

Access Features: Elevator access
and accessible bathroom



Brookline Services

Barbara Gutman Consulting **W**

Political Consulting
Home Based Business

We provide a unique combination of expertise advancing progressive issues, by creating strategic partnerships, advocating among public officials and organizing community engagement.

629 Hammond Street W210, Chestnut Hill MA 02467

● Website: Barbaragutmanconsulting.com

Phone: (617) 283-4900

Email: barbara@barbaragutmanconsulting.com

Languages Spoken: English, Some Spanish

Accommodations: Home office accessible by elevator



Beacon Patient Solutions LLC **W**

Healthcare Advocacy
Online Business

Today's healthcare system can be confusing and difficult to navigate. We can help! We are Independent Board Certified Patient Advocates (BCPA) working with clients in the Greater Boston Area, throughout Massachusetts, and nationwide. We help navigate the complexities of healthcare, insurance claim denials, inaccurate medical bills, and make sure clients receive the care and support they deserve.

Website: Beaconpatientsolutions.com

Phone: (617) 651-2140

Email: ailene@beaconpatientsolutions.com

Beth Niernberg, LMHC **W LGBTQ+**

Mental Health Care

This is a private psychotherapy practice in Brookline serving children and adults. I work closely with the LGBTQIA+ Community as a member of that community myself.

Website: BethNiernberg.com

Phone: (617) 821-3991

Email: bethnier@me.com

Accommodations: Accessible via online services

Chris Upon A Star Travel

W M

Travel

Online Business

Asian American/Pacific Islander Owned Business

Chris can help you plan a magical vacation that meets your needs. From helping you find the right vacation package for your budget, to recommending resorts for your distinctive needs, to dining reservations, FastPasses, and more. Chris is ready with her pixie dust to provide you with her complimentary concierge-level service.

Website: Chrisuponastar.com

Phone: (857) 576-2724

Email: chrisytravels@gmail.com

Languages Spoken: Thai



Creative Wellness Strategies



Spa, Nail, Hair Salons/Services

Black Owned Business

Creative Wellness is proud to provide Brookline with the highest quality massage therapy. We work with each person in a highly focused and customized way to achieve results. We specialize in pain management and employ the various modalities of bodywork that we have learned in years of professional experience. That said, we are also mindful of people's need to de-stress and give a truly relaxing experience to facilitate deep states of calm and peacefulness.

Coolidge Corner

1318 Beacon St, Suite 16 Brookline MA 02445

Websites: Creativewellnessstrategies.com

Phone: (978) 395-6690

Email: info@creativewellnessstrategies.com

Accessibility features: Massage tables are ADA compliant



Kate Garms Massage Therapy D W

Massage Therapy

At Kate Garms Massage Therapy, we have the skills, techniques, and experience necessary to create a massage tailored to your unique needs. Offering Relaxation, Deep Tissue/Injury, and Prenatal Massage Therapy.

Coolidge Corner/St. Mary's

1141 Beacon St, Suite C1 Brookline MA 02446

Website: kategarms.com

Phone: (617) 852-2018

Email: kate@kategarms.com

New Boston Financial M

Financial Planning

Brookline Village

Asian American/Pacific Islander Owned Business

Michael C. Tow is a Certified Financial Planner. He's been helping clients with their investment and financial planning needs for over 25 years. (16 years in Brookline)

58 Harvard St, Brookline MA 02445

Phone: (617) 734-4400

Email: mtow@newbostonfinancial.com

Languages Spoken: English, Mandarin, Cantonese

Accommodations: We can visit people at their home

N.R. Gordon & Company **V**

Financial advisory and strategy consulting
Home Based Business

N.R. Gordon & Company offers a broad range of value-added, peer-to-peer, financial advisory and strategy consulting services. Representing not only the client, but the client's point of view, N.R. Gordon & Company differentiates itself from other advisors.

87 Ivy St, Brookline MA 02446

● Website: Nrgordon.com

● Phone: (508) 265-1362

● Email: neil@nrgordon.com

Accommodations: We can accommodate virtually any need.



Mom's Hierarchy of Needs, LLC MW



Home Based Business
Black Owned Business

When so many of us ignore burning ideas to launch projects into the world after we have kids, what gets in our way? When we're at work yet thinking about everything going on at home, what's behind it and how can we change it for our children? Mom's Hierarchy of Needs is a community where Moms can feel safe, understood and supported in the desire to reduce stress, prioritize self-care, dream big dreams and live in possibility. Mom's Hierarchy of Needs research is focused on making us stronger, healthier and happier.

Website: MOMSHIERARCHYOFNEEDS.COM

Phone: (857) 544-0528

On Facebook, Instagram and Twitter

Email: leslie@momshierarchyofneeds.com



Odyssey Wellness Tattoo

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Tattoo Studio

A private, safe space, tattoo studio providing reconstructive, cosmetic and traditional tattooing. We work with many different survivor groups and have affiliations with various hospitals in the area as well as throughout the state. All are welcome here so if you are a simple tattoo enthusiast looking for your next piece we have a place for you too!

Brookline Village

68 Harvard St, Ste 4, Brookline MA 02445

Website: Odysseywellnesstattoo.com

On Instagram @odessey_wellness

Phone: (617) 383-5496

Email: darlene@odysseywellnesstattoo.com

Languages Spoken: Spanish



TECHTRAINING LLC

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Continuing education and training for the
construction industry
Home Based Business

TECHTRAINING LLC provides continuing education and training to individuals seeking knowledge within the built environment. Our mission is to inspire, empower and develop clients through education and training.

Website: techtrainingllc.net

Phone: (855) 330-8324

Accommodations: Only accessible locations are utilized for learning events.

The Village Works



Coworking Space

The Village Works is a neighborhood coworking space in Brookline Village offering flexible memberships for shared workspace as well as offices, meeting rooms, events, and community connection.

Brookline Village

202 Washington St, Brookline MA 02445

Website: Thevillageworks.com

Phone: (617) 651-0681

Email: hello@thevillageworks.com

● Accessibility Features: All public areas of our building (coworking areas, café, meeting rooms, bathrooms) are ADA accessible.



Yachad New England/National Jewish Council for Disabilities



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Yachad provides social and recreational programs and support services to individuals of all ages with disabilities and special needs. We have the Yachad Community Center inside the 384 Harvard Street Campus facility. Programs include art, music, movement, games and community based activities like rock climbing, kayaking, bowling, Jewish holiday celebrations and more.

Coolidge Corner

384 Harvard St, Brookline MA 02446

Website: Yachad.org/newengland

Phone: (646) 628-7003

Email: OffenL@ou.org

Languages Spoken: English, Hebrew, Russian

Accessibility Features: Fully accessible and ADA compliant: electronic doors, accessible bathrooms, elevators, accessible kitchen, accessible program spaces

Accommodations: As needed. Have equipment to loan such as wheelchairs, walkers and a portable ramp

Y3K Tutor In Your Home

Educational Services/Tutoring

Religious Minority Owned

Special education, regular education, and test preparation in the convenience of your home.

40 Ware Rd, Needham MA 02492

Website: Y3ktutorinyourhome.com/brookline

Phone: (781) 492-8700

Email: info@y3ktutorinyourhome.com

Accommodations: Offers online services



Brookline Non-Profits

Brookline Arts Center



Art, Music, and Design Services

The Brookline Arts Center (BAC) was founded in 1964 as a small parent cooperative for children's art classes. Since 1968, the BAC has been a nonprofit educational charitable institution, 501(c)3, serving as a community center for the visual arts for Brookline and Greater Boston. With a faculty of professional working artists, rotating exhibitions, and community outreach, the BAC continues to focus on providing high-quality visual arts classes, exhibitions, and events for our community.

St. Mary's

88 Monmouth St, Brookline MA 02446

Website: Brooklineartscenter.com

Phone: (617) 566-5715

Email: jessica@brooklineartscenter.com

Accessibility Features: Wheelchair ramp and accessible first floor, ADA bathroom

Brookline Interactive Group



Media Arts

● Nonprofit, Women Led (Directors)

Brookline Interactive Group (BIG) ensures a place for all Brookline residents to access media-making technology, amplify their voices and tell their stories, develop media literacy and new skills, and sustain a vibrant and transparent democracy. BIG also manages the Public VR Lab, committed to public access to media-making tools, diversity, inclusion, and equity, and supporting the public interest in the XR (extended reality) space.

Brookline Village

46 Tappan St, 2L Brookline MA 02445

Website: Brooklineinteractive.org

Phone: (617) 731-8566

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish

Accessibility Features: Automatic door, Accessible space

Accommodations: Available upon request

Coolidge Corner Theatre



Cinema

The Coolidge Corner Theatre, or “The Coolidge,” is a mission-driven, premier American independent cinema, a historic community gathering place, and source of economic vitality and growth in Brookline. It has been at the heart of the community since it opened its doors as an Art Deco movie palace in 1933 and in 1989 was saved from demolition and established as a nonprofit organization. Today, the mission of the Coolidge is to entertain, inform, and engage — building a vital community through film culture.

Coolidge Corner

290 Harvard St, Brookline MA 02446

Website: Coolidge.org

Phone: (617) 734-2500

Email: info@coolidge.org

Accessibility Features: Accessible bathroom, accessible theatre seats

Steps to Success



Education Community Based Organization

Minority Led Nonprofit

Founded in 2001, the mission of Steps to Success is to promote equity for Brookline's students from low-income families by expanding their horizons, building upon their skills, and supporting their educational journey in order to maximize their life choices. STS helps Brookline students living in Brookline's public housing units thrive academically in grade school, matriculate in college, and obtain a college degree. STS has served more than 4000 students to date, through out-of-school time programs such as afterschool, vacation programs and camp access, career readiness through paid internships and workshops, and college success through advising, mentoring, and financial aid access.

Brookline Village

2 Clark Rd, Brookline MA 02445

Website: Stepstosuccessbrookline.org

On Facebook and Instagram

Phone: (617) 651-2140

Email: sts@stepstosuccessbrookline.org

Languages Spoken: Spanish

Accessibility Features: Counter height; accessible bathrooms; elevator

Women Thriving, Inc **W**

Women Led Nonprofit

Our mission is to co-create opportunities for women facing economic, social, and racial inequities to thrive through learning, leadership development and community

Website: Womenthrivingma.org



Phone: (978) 460-1584

Email: womenthrivingma@gmail.com

Languages Spoken: Spanish, Nepali

Accommodations: Language access, remote workshops and classes, and all in person workshops are held at fully accessible locations



FURTHER RESOURCES



Discover Brookline

Discover Brookline is the Brookline Chamber of Commerce's digital business directory, where you can find exactly what you're looking for -- or, stumble upon something new and unexpected. Peruse the directory to get a taste of Brookline's shops, restaurants, hotels, museums, and more. You can search by a neighborhood, category, or other labels like BIPOC or women-owned businesses.

List of Brookline's Age Friendly Businesses

BrooklineCAN invites Brookline businesses to join its Age Friendly Business Campaign. The campaign recognizes businesses for the age-friendly features that they offer. Even more, the campaign enlists businesses in an effort to become more age friendly.