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A Few Words From...



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Approximately one year ago, I was invited to join the MSCU team to provide Human Resources leadership while Susan Doerksen enjoyed being a mom to her baby boy Matias. It has been an honour to serve alongside your fellow members. Not only is the team at MSCU competent and committed, they are people of great moral character — desirous of living out MSCU's values in meaningful ways both at work and in the community. Working in an organization where the values — Integrity, Compassion, and Responsible Stewardship — not only align with my personal values, but are used daily to determine if we are making the best decisions, has contributed to making MSCU feel like home for me. Thank you for the privilege of serving here. ♦

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Small Business Profile

In June 2008, an exciting new retail consignment store opened its doors at 8 Duke Street in Kitchener. Highlighting handcrafted items by aspiring Canadian artists as well as previously loved items, RareFunk offers a fresh outlook for those looking to get their Funk on!

Owner, Tamara Minns, started with a passion for funky and affordable finds and developed a unique place for people to find what you just won't discover in any shopping mall. Through RareFunk, everyone can find an affordable way to promote their independent style — breaking away from the cookie-cutter images created by today's chain store environment.

Keeping in mind that recycling these gently used treasures is good for the environment, many of the artists' items are handcrafted and produced from recycled materials. RareFunk encourages the re-use of rare and funky items to refresh and rejuvenate any look by taking advantage of another's unique taste!

Tamara credits the success of opening her business to many factors — the support of friends and family, and personal persistence. She also recognizes that training and knowledge is crucial. "A sound business plan is the blueprint of any business," says Tamara and "training through the Waterloo Region Assets+ Project (WRAP) was the sounding board to my future." This program allows an aspiring entrepreneur to break down their business idea and really plan the details of what would be required to start a venture. Through group training Tamara found support and knowledge from her peers and advisors that did not just end at the completion of the program. Ongoing networking meetings and community connections developed through the WRAP program led Tamara to funding support from Mennonite Savings and Credit Union's Waterloo Branch. "I am indebted to the WRAP program for their encouragement, support and knowledge that helped lead me to where I am at today."

What can you find at RareFunk? Jewelry, clothing, accessories, home décor and so much more. You must visit to truly take it all in and observe the always changing merchandise and layout. It's time to get YOUR Funk on! You can check for Rare and Funky finds Monday through Friday 12:30pm-6pm or Saturdays 10am-3pm. www.rarefunk.ca ♦

