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Celebrating Small Business Week, May 16-20!

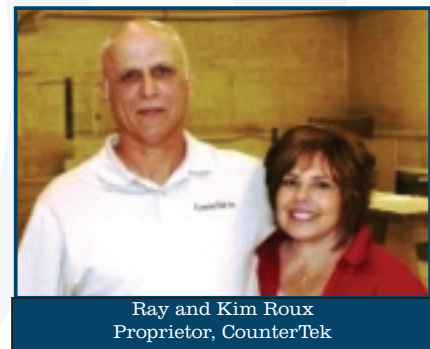
Since 1963, National Small Business Week has celebrated the contributions of small businesses to the American economy. Community First Fund is proud to celebrate and support the courage and determination of our small business clients. In 2011, it is estimated that there are nearly 27.2 million small businesses in America creating between 60 and 80 percent of new jobs in the country.

Client Feature on CounterTek

DIRTY WORK, FABRICATING AND MANUFACTURING COUNTERTOPS, IS WHAT RAY ROUX KNOWS AND LOVES BEST. After working for nearly two decades, the company Ray and many of his employees had worked for was sold, and its operations relocated. Unwilling to move and miss watching their granddaughter grow up, Ray and Kim Roux invested everything they had in a fresh start.

CounterTek was born from the goal of producing a quality product at an economically affordable price, accompanied by excellent customer service. The vision's paying off and since receiving a loan for start-up working capital from Community First, CounterTek's sales have risen. But CounterTek isn't just successful in sales; it has saved jobs, creating a close-knit community of employees.

CounterTek doesn't just offer its workers jobs to support their families, it offers a work environment that fosters collaboration, where each individual has a say. The quality of the hands-on craftsmanship is evidence of CounterTek's family values. As Ray puts it, they're a crazy bunch, but they're "the best in the business".



Ray and Kim Roux
Proprietor, CounterTek

Opportunity Available to Small Business Clients



Community First Fund and the SBA are committed to expanding access to capital for small businesses and entrepreneurs in underserved communities and help drive economic growth and job creation. The SBA 7(a) Loan program is one way Community First Fund does this. Funds may be used to establish a new business or to assist in the acquisition, operation, or expansion of an existing business. Contact a Community First Fund lender to find out if this program is a good fit for you.

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Women's Business Center Events

The Speaker Series is happening again in Lancaster! The event will be held on May 12th at 4:30. Our topic this month is "Mission Driven Budgeting: Using Strategic Planning and Budgeting to Achieve Your Goals." Our speaker is Doris Cross, owner of Organizational Change and Development Company.

We are also starting the Speaker Series in Reading! Our next Reading event will be held on June 2nd at 4:00 at the Berks County Community Foundation. The topic will be "Utilizing Social Media to Build Your Business" with speakers Kae Kohl of Kiwi Marketing Group and Kim Woerle of EVOKE by Design.

For more information please feel free to contact the Women's Business Center at #717-393-2351, or by email at mcullison@commfirstfund.org.

The **Women's Business Center**
at Community First Fund
Presents:
Entrepreneurial Speaker Series

Date: May 12, 2011
Time: 4:30 - 6:00pm
Free to register online

Located at:
30 W. Orange St.
Lancaster, PA



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Community First Fund

The **Women's Business Center**
at Community First Fund
Presents:
Entrepreneurial Speaker Series

Date: June 2nd, 2011
Time: 4:00 - 5:30pm
Free to register online

To be held at:
Berks County Community
Foundation Conference Center



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Topic:

Mission Driven Budgeting:
Using strategic planning and budgeting
to achieve your goals

With Speaker:

Doris Cross

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