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CHAMBER ANNOUNCES DYNAMO GRANT AWARDS

L'Anse, November 6, 2024 --

The Baraga County Chamber of Commerce Dynamo committee is very excited to announce the winners of this year's Dynamo grants. On July 15, 2024, the Chamber announced that it would offer three $5,000 grants to help attract new businesses and assist young businesses in Baraga County. The committee received applications from 15 different start-up businesses or businesses created within the past twelve months. Today we are pleased to announce the three winners selected by the Dynamo Grant Program committee.

Tot Spot Childcare, LLC

Owner: Jenna Ballor

A local licensed in-home daycare currently serving 6 children. With the funds from the Dynamo grant, Tot Spot will be able to purchase a fence, outdoor playground equipment, and additional toys. This will not only improve the experience for the kids at the daycare but will allow Tot Spot to handle an increased capacity of up to 12 children over the next 2 years.

When asked about being selected to receive the funding, owner Jenna Ballor said, "This grant helped me create a safe, fun and inviting learning environment for the families that come to The Tot Spot."

Delicata, LLC

Owner: Meghan O'Connell

Quick-service food retail establishment that offers fresh, healthy, and affordable options along with international snacks and groceries. With the funds from the Dynamo grant, Delicata will be able to expand the inventory of grocery items, expand seating options, and add additional staff.

“We would like to thank the Chamber of Commerce and everyone on the Dynamo Grant committee for the opportunity to earn this wonderful grant. This funding will allow us to go into 2025 on solid footing and expand our offerings to best serve our community. Thank you for the continued support of our small family business!” - Owner Meghan O’Connell

Keweenaw Custom Rods

Owner: Cody Smith

Growing artisan crafted fishing rod and reel business. The funds from the Dynamo grant will allow Keweenaw Custom Rods the ability to upgrade their tools and equipment, increase inventory, and expand production.

Attached photo from Left to Right:

Dr. Jamie Smith, Dynamo Committee

Cody Smith, Keweenaw Custom Rods

Jenna Ballor, The Tot Spot

Meghan O’Connell, Delicata