



EL COQUI PANADERIA (BAKERY)

Yazmin, an immigrant from Puerto Rico, had very little formal education and minimal English language skills when she first came to WORC. She was referred by a partner agency, the Empowerment Group, who provided translation services during the application process. Yazmin requested a loan to open a bakery in North Philadelphia which would specialize in Spanish/Puerto Rican pastries, cakes, and bread. She was approved for \$10,000 in September 2007 to purchase a commercial oven and additional equipment for her kitchen.

Her business has been profitable since 2008 and continues to grow, with a staff of 10 employees.

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