

CHOCTAW NATION

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

2024





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MISSION

To the Choctaw proud, ours is the sovereign nation offering opportunities for growth and prosperity.



VISION

Living out the Chahta spirit of faith, family and culture.

PROGRAM FOCUS

Choctaw Small Business Development (CSBD) is proud to be a single-source entry point for Choctaw tribal entrepreneurs (Chahtapreneurs) within the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma reservation. CSBD delivers professional and personalized business advising and technical assistance to existing and/or start-up businesses and provides problem-solving techniques to help improve strategy, business planning, financial management, operations, marketing, personnel administration and other areas required for growth, productivity and innovation.

GOALS

- 1) Serve as the premier access point of choice for Choctaw owned small businesses to enhance client utility, expand the delivery network of services and provide resources highly valued by clients for operational, financial, marketing and educational needs.
- 2) Effectively communicate programs, services, successes and benefits to current and future clients, stakeholders and community partners to increase awareness and optimize utilization in support of small business growth and entrepreneurship.
- 3) Develop awareness and promote training and technical opportunities relative to the demands faced by entrepreneurs and encourage adoption of leading-edge technology for long-term growth and success.
- 4) Strategically manage human capital, including continuous development of skills, knowledge, creativity and critical thinking, to help build economic security for Choctaw Nation, tribal members and the surrounding communities.

OUTCOMES

CSBD will achieve these goals by ensuring customer centric delivery of programs and services to Choctaw owned small businesses through a 1:1 personalized relationship. Advisors will work with established and start-up businesses to create jobs and drive economic growth, as well as identify new clients throughout the Choctaw Nation reservation to stimulate entrepreneurship. Building a thriving business network fosters economic development and CSBD recognizes that, while every entrepreneur has different needs, there is a common framework that supports a prosperous, innovative spirit. CSBD will utilize internal and external expertise to provide contextual guidance, drive sustainable growth and continuously instill the joy and passion of private enterprise throughout the Choctaw Nation Reservation. Choctaw entrepreneurs are innovators who take risks on ideas, and their creativity makes Choctaw Nation communities a vibrant place to live and work. CSBD thrives on helping make entrepreneurial dreams come true!

CHAHTAPRENEUR

FY24 YEAR IN REVIEW

\$47,410

MARKETING MATERIALS ASSISTANCE

One hundred twenty-two Choctaw-owned businesses received funding for marketing materials such as ads, flyers and brochures.

\$13,839

LOGO CREATION

Seventy-seven Choctaw-owned businesses received assistance with logos and/or graphic design.

\$100,582

FURNITURE AND FIXTURES

Seventy-four Choctaw-owned businesses received furniture and/or fixtures.

\$565,000

\$5K FORGIVABLE LOANS

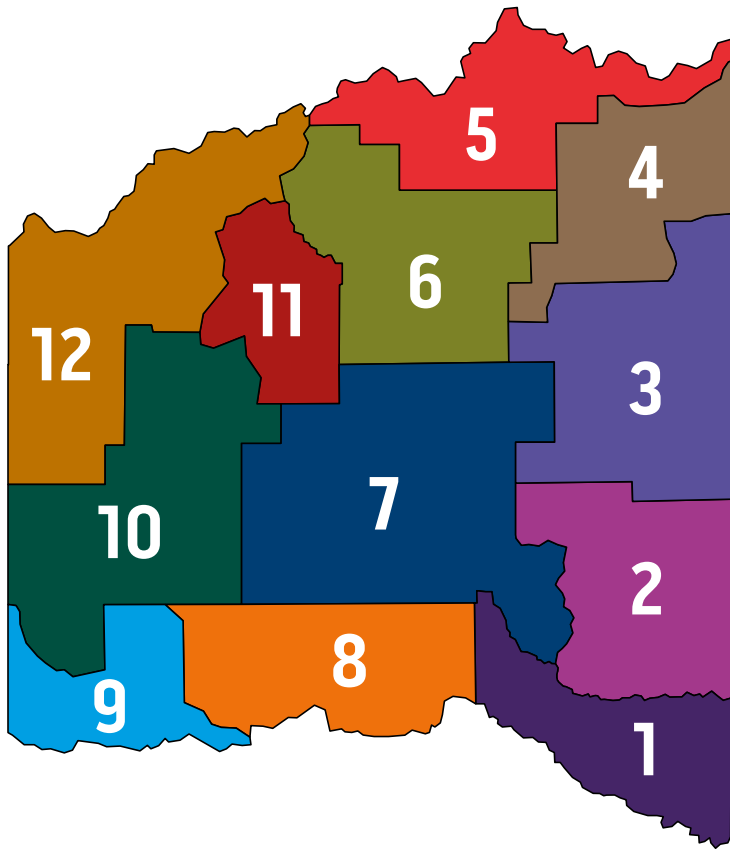
One hundred thirteen Choctaw-owned businesses received a Small Business Forgivable Loan from the Choctaw Development Fund.

\$752

MYSTERY SHOPS

Twenty-six Choctaw-owned businesses were shopped and were provided feedback on the customers' experience.

CLIENTS BY DISTRICT



New: 43 Total: 211
New: 40 Total: 298
New: 35 Total: 196
New: 57 Total: 348
New: 45 Total: 188
New: 29 Total: 195
New: 60 Total: 205
New: 58 Total: 291
New: 98 Total: 538
New: 36 Total: 210
New: 41 Total: 292
New: 30 Total: 154

NEW CLIENTS	BUSINESS STARTUPS	BUSINESS EXPANSIONS	TOTAL JOBS SUPPORTED	TOTAL JOBS CREATED
572	93	25	5,120	335

3,126

**TOTAL CLIENTS IN THE
CHOCTAW NATION RESERVATION**

COUNSELING HOURS	TOTAL TRAININGS OFFERED	TRAINING ATTENDEES
2,607	226	6,132

CHAHTAPRENEUR

IMPACT SINCE INCEPTION

3,424

NUMBER OF CLIENTS

Chahtapreneurs within the Choctaw Nation Reservation are eligible to receive technical support through one-on-one business counseling, training workshops and an extensive network of business assistance programs, including logo graphic design, marketing materials, furniture/fixtures program, bid assistance, indirect financing resources and co-working opportunities.

2,159

JOBS CREATED

Chahtapreneurs received assistance with workforce development to help ensure their businesses were equipped with the skills, experiences and competencies needed for present and future growth, thus stimulating economic activity in local communities.

450

BUSINESS START-UPS

Chahtapreneurs received specialized services regarding the formation, management and operation of small businesses, including guidance with planning, funding, naming and registering with local and state agencies.

CHAHTAPRENEUR

RIBBON CUTTINGS



Bear's Vision
IDABEL | DISTRICT 1



Blake's Building & Remodeling
HAWORTH | DISTRICT 1



Blown Away Balloons & More
IDABEL | DISTRICT 1



Bluff Creek Construction LLC
VALLIANT | DISTRICT 1



D.B.M Septic Services LLC
IDABEL | DISTRICT 1



Diamond's Fishing Guide Service & Lake Tours LLC
IDABEL | DISTRICT 1

CHAHTAPRENEUR

RIBBON CUTTINGS



Grazed & Consumed LLC
VALLIANT | DISTRICT 1



Honey's Day Care LLC
VALLIANT | DISTRICT 1



Jordan Avenue Salon
VALLIANT | DISTRICT 1



Top Notch Operations LLC
IDABEL | DISTRICT 1



Bread and Bliss
BROKEN BOW | DISTRICT 2



Busy Bee Entertainment LLC
BROKEN BOW | DISTRICT 2

CHAHTAPRENEUR

RIBBON CUTTINGS



DK Firewood
EAGLETOWN | DISTRICT 2



Inflata Broz LLC
BROKEN BOW | DISTRICT 2



Spoilt Heifer Boutique
WRIGHT CITY | DISTRICT 2



Wild Horse Winery LLC
BROKEN BOW | DISTRICT 2



4 Lazy H Boutique
SMITHVILLE | DISTRICT 3



Leatha's Zumba N Dance Fitness LLC
TALIHINA | DISTRICT 3

CHAHTAPRENEUR

RIBBON CUTTINGS



TBear Photography LLC
SMITHVILLE | DISTRICT 3



Bow To Toe Boutique
POTEAU | DISTRICT 4



CS Sounds LLC
WISTER | DISTRICT 4



Dirty D's Sanitation LLC
POTEAU | DISTRICT 4



Girlz Gone Herbal LLC
HOWE | DISTRICT 4



Grace's Aesthetics LLC
HOWE | DISTRICT 4

CHAHTAPRENEUR

RIBBON CUTTINGS



Handcrafted Jewell's Jewelry
HOWE | DISTRICT 4



Heidi Couch PLLC
WISTER | DISTRICT 4



JW Appraisal Service
SHADY POINT | DISTRICT 4



KBlush Day Spa LLC
POTEAU | DISTRICT 4



MTZ Concrete and Finishing LLC
POTEAU | DISTRICT 4



OKPhoto 360 LLC
POTEAU | DISTRICT 4

CHAHTAPRENEUR

RIBBON CUTTINGS



Olive Boutique LLC
POTEAU | DISTRICT 4



Pretty Paws Mobile Pet Spa LLC
SPIRO | DISTRICT 4



Quilts by Brandi
WISTER | DISTRICT 4



Simply Blessed Cakes and More LLC
SPIRO | DISTRICT 4



Smith Auction Services LLC
WISTER | DISTRICT 4



Southern Raised Boutique
WISTER | DISTRICT 4

CHAHTAPRENEUR

RIBBON CUTTINGS



The Ranch at Latham B&B
SHADY POINT | DISTRICT 4



Brew & Bliss LLC
STIGLER | DISTRICT 5



Healthy Habits LLC
STIGLER | DISTRICT 5



Main Street Family Medical LLC
SPIRO | DISTRICT 5



Rockin 3W LLC
STIGLER | DISTRICT 5



Rusty Wire Consulting LLC
STIGLER | DISTRICT 5

CHAHTAPRENEUR

RIBBON CUTTINGS



Studio C Salon LLC
STIGLER | DISTRICT 5



T&M Fencing LLC
STIGLER | DISTRICT 5



Whitefield Salon By Megan Sosa
WHITEFIELD | DISTRICT 5



4S Pet Grooming LLC
WILBURTON | DISTRICT 6



Granny's Daycare
QUINTON | DISTRICT 6



J&C Contracting Services LLC
WILBURTON | DISTRICT 6

CHAHTAPRENEUR

RIBBON CUTTINGS



R&L Landscaping LLC
QUINTON | DISTRICT 6



Blackbird Beaded Designs
FORT TOWSON | DISTRICT 7



Chahtamade
ANTLERS | DISTRICT 7



Crossroads Country Store
TUSKAHOMA | DISTRICT 7



DR AG Services LLC
TUSKAHOMA | DISTRICT 7



Family Creations
CLAYTON | DISTRICT 7

CHAHTAPRENEUR

RIBBON CUTTINGS



Heather McKay
ANTLERS | DISTRICT 7



High Street Pizza
ANTLERS | DISTRICT 7



Highway 2 RV Park
CLAYTON | DISTRICT 7



Honestly Hat Co.
HUGO | DISTRICT 7



It's Bin A Good Day
ANTLERS | DISTRICT 7



Lakeside Point
CLAYTON | DISTRICT 7

CHAHTAPRENEUR

RIBBON CUTTINGS



Massage and Beauty by Amanda
ANTLERS | DISTRICT 7



MD Solutions LLC
RATTAN | DISTRICT 7



Nashoba Valley Veterinary Services
SNOW | DISTRICT 7



Teddy Bear Daycare
ANTLERS | DISTRICT 7



The Anchi Shop Plus
WRIGHT CITY | DISTRICT 7



The Burger Joint LLC
WRIGHT CITY | DISTRICT 7

CHAHTAPRENEUR

RIBBON CUTTINGS



The Feathered Nest Vintage Mercantile
ANTLERS | DISTRICT 7



The Ranch Restaurant at Talimichi LLC
TUSKAHOMA | DISTRICT 7



TJ Photography
WRIGHT CITY | DISTRICT 7



Triple H Inflatables
TUSKAHOMA | DISTRICT 7



Troy's Family Daycare
ANTLERS | DISTRICT 7



Board and Bread in Oklahoma LLC
HUGO | DISTRICT 8

CHAHTAPRENEUR

RIBBON CUTTINGS



Dimond D at Linda's Place
HUGO | DISTRICT 8



Guard Up
HUGO | DISTRICT 8



June Bug's Arcade & Mini Golf
HUGO | DISTRICT 8



Loman Mental Health, Inc
GRANT | DISTRICT 8



Pumpkin Seeds LLC
CADDO | DISTRICT 8



SF Auto Detailing
HUGO | DISTRICT 8

CHAHTAPRENEUR

RIBBON CUTTINGS



Skyline Businesses LLC
HUGO | DISTRICT 8



The Grind
BOSWELL | DISTRICT 8



Organize It Services
HUGO & DURANT | DISTRICT 8 & 9



Armor Athletics
DURANT | DISTRICT 9



Calamity Jane's
CADDO | DISTRICT 9



Deal 1 Sales LLC
DURANT | DISTRICT 9

CHAHTAPRENEUR

RIBBON CUTTINGS



Dining with Glass
DURANT | DISTRICT 9



El Chingon LLC
DURANT | DISTRICT 9



Garcia Flower Beds
DURANT | DISTRICT 9



Grace & Wood Candle Co.
DURANT | DISTRICT 9



K. Horn Toba
DURANT | DISTRICT 9



Mighty Moms
DURANT | DISTRICT 9

CHAHTAPRENEUR

RIBBON CUTTINGS



Native Paw Creations LLC
DURANT | DISTRICT 9



Native Powersports Repair LLC
DURANT | DISTRICT 9



Squishy's Party Shack LLC
DURANT | DISTRICT 9



The Corner Crust
DURANT | DISTRICT 9



The Maze Ceramics and More LLC
DURANT | DISTRICT 9



Three Birds Tax Service LLC
DURANT | DISTRICT 9

CHAHTAPRENEUR

RIBBON CUTTINGS



Beating Hearts LLC
ATOKA | DISTRICT 10



Country Corner LLC
ATOKA | DISTRICT 10



Crave LLC
ATOKA | DISTRICT 10



Pets and Pies
CADDO | DISTRICT 10



Robinson Boys Construction LLC
CADDO | DISTRICT 10



Soggy Bottom Designs LLC
ATOKA | DISTRICT 10

CHAHTAPRENEUR

RIBBON CUTTINGS



Southeastern Recycling
ATOKA | DISTRICT 10



The BARbershop Cuts Served Neat
ATOKA | DISTRICT 10



Andi's Freeze Dried Kandies
MCALESTER | DISTRICT 11



Dirty Dawg Mini Storage
MCALESTER | DISTRICT 11



Freeze & Flare Heat & Air LLC
MCALESTER | DISTRICT 11



Garcia Construction Services
MCALESTER | DISTRICT 11

CHAHTAPRENEUR

RIBBON CUTTINGS



Halls Lawncare and Thrift Store
KREBS | DISTRICT 11



Furr's Carpentry LLC
PITTSBURG | DISTRICT 12



Java Sister's Cafe LLC
COALGATE | DISTRICT 12



Moonlight Soaporium
COALGATE | DISTRICT 12



UnHitched
MCALESTER | DISTRICT 12



ZZ's Country Store
INDIANOLA | DISTRICT 12

CHAHTAPRENEUR SCHOLARSHIP



Alexander Robinson
BOKCHITO, OK

Halito (Hello), sv hohchifo yvt (my name is) Alexander Robinson, but I go by Alex. Bokchito, Oklahoma amiti li (I am from Bokchito, Oklahoma) and I am entering my senior year as a business management major. Yakoke fehna hoke (thank you very much) for this blessing you have bestowed upon me and my family. I am deeply honored to be selected as this year's recipient of the Chahtapreneur Scholarship. Your generous donation will allow me to successfully complete my bachelor's degree in business management completely debt free, which is very beneficial to myself and my family.

I wanted to write to you to express how thankful I am for this scholarship. I look forward to the day that I can return the favor and donate to the Chahta Foundation and change students' lives for the better like you have done for me.

CHAHTAPRENEUR

AWARDS

2024 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

DISTRICT 1



Scott Grigory, M.D.
My Doctor Pediatrics
& Urgent Care

DISTRICT 2



Kenneth Ashalintubbi
DK Firewood

DISTRICT 3



Ed Drury
Pine Mountain Lures LLC

DISTRICT 4



Shirley Terry
Baby Bear's Home Cooking

DISTRICT 5



Tyler Labor
Rusty Wire Consulting

DISTRICT 6



Kendra Sparks
The Sparkle Shop

CHAHTAPRENEUR AWARDS

2024 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

DISTRICT 7



Vicki and David Inman
Highway 2 RV Park

DISTRICT 8



Zane Pebsworth
Holy Roller Small Engine
Service & Repair

DISTRICT 9



Colby Oller
Zolo Creations LLC

DISTRICT 10



Kyle Fincher
Southeastern Recycling

DISTRICT 11



**Douglas and Barbara
Smitherman**
HeavenScent Fragrances & More

DISTRICT 12



Sash Johnson
Choctaw Websites

CHAHTAPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

KYLE FINCHER OF SOUTHEASTERN RECYCLING



Each year, Choctaw Nation gives Chahtapreneur Awards to a Choctaw business in each of the reservation's 12 districts, as well as crowning one business Chahtapreneur of the Year. This year, the highest honor went to Southeastern Recycling in Atoka.

Southeastern Recycling is owned and operated by Kyle Fincher, who's worked closely with Choctaw Nation Small Business Development to grow his business.

CHAHTAPRENEUR APP

The Chahtapreneur Business Finder app was launched in 2022 to connect Choctaw-owned businesses with current and future customers. The online mobile platform assists businesses with marketing and provides greater accessibility to consumers for local products and services within the Choctaw Nation Reservation.



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BUSINESSES ON APP

2,781
DOWNLOADS

CHAHTAPRENEUR

BUSINESS CENTERS

IDABEL CENTER



The Chahtapreneur Business Center in Idabel, Oklahoma is located in the Idabel Shopping Center. The facility, opened in October 2022, offers Choctaw small business owners access to technology (wi-fi, printer, scanner, photocopier), conference centers, lounge areas and shared or private office space, depending on level of membership.

708

**VISITORS
SINCE OPENING**

8

**MEMBERSHIPS
SINCE OPENING**

DURANT CENTER



The Chahtapreneur Center in Durant, Oklahoma is located in the old Choctaw Nation Headquarters. The center, opened in December 2023, offers the curated community of Choctaw small business owners access to modern workspace and amenities for technology, innovation and entrepreneurship. The center has a distinctive mix of basic work necessities combined with exceptional features, including shared and private office space, personal business advising, training workshops, community events and lounge areas with games to help business owners clear their minds after a long day of meaningful work.

774

**VISITORS
SINCE OPENING**

7

**MEMBERSHIPS
SINCE OPENING**



Choctaw Small Business Development focuses on creating new jobs and promoting economic growth in the communities within the Choctaw Nation. They offer multiple training resources to Choctaw Nation tribal members, along with one-on-one consulting services to give entrepreneurs the opportunity to learn how to start or grow their business successfully. Their work makes a significant economic impact and creates numerous jobs, while also benefiting non-tribal members and businesses in the southeastern part of Oklahoma. Choctaw Small Business Development strongly believes that “a rising tide lifts all ships.”



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