## SUCCESS STORY

**L&K** Bakehouse

Rachel Thacker, Owner
945 Beaver Grade Road
Moon Township, PA 15108
https://www.lkbakehouse.com/

Industry:

Commercial Bakeries

Year Founded:

2020

**SBDC Assistance:** 

Business Plan Writing, Funding,

**Grand Opening** 

**Consultant:** 

Don Lodge



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## **L&K** Bakehouse – From Vision to Reality

Rachel Thacker, owner of L&K Bakehouse, began her entrepreneurial journey with the Duquesne University Small Business Development Center (SBDC) in January 2024. Like many aspiring business owners, Rachel faced a significant challenge: creating a comprehensive business plan to secure funding for her dream.

With the guidance of Don Lodge, Senior Business Consultant at Duquesne University SBDC, Rachel transformed this hurdle into a milestone. Together, they developed a detailed 30-page business plan, positioning Rachel to successfully apply for a small business loan. This achievement opened the door for Rachel to take the next big step—finding a brick-and-mortar location to expand her services and deepen her connection with the community.

In September 2025, Rachel proudly opened L&K Bakehouse at 945 Beaver Grade Road, Moon Township, PA. Her new location not only allows her to serve more customers but also creates a welcoming space for community engagement.

Congratulations, Rachel, on turning your vision into reality!

The Duquesne University SBDC is honored to have supported your journey and wishes you continued success as you grow your business.

