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Four Small Businesses to Compete in Wheeling Heritage's 'Show of Hands'

WHEELING, W.Va. – May 13, 2019 – Four small business owners will each make a pitch at Wheeling Heritage's Show of Hands event on May 22. The event, which begins at 6 p.m. at the Artisan Center, 1400 Main Street, invites attendees to pay \$5 to vote for the project they feel is the most worthwhile. The winning presenter will leave with about \$4,000, including all the funds raised at the door, for his or her business expansion.

At the event, owners of the following businesses will be making presentations:

Hangover BBQ: This roadside BBQ carryout company has only been open for 9 months, but the high-demand for their food has owners Stephanie and William Litman looking to expand. Located off Route 88 in Greggsville, Hangover BBQ offers ribs, pulled pork, turkey and other meats smoked with local cherry wood. They're in need of more equipment, including a commercial cooler to help them increase capacity.

Honeycomb Salon: Sarah O'Leary recently took ownership of the former Hats Off salon, where she worked. She has since revamped the space and renamed it Honeycomb Salon. She's been working on renovations for months, and has her sights set on creating a more eco-friendly salon. She'd use Show of Hands funding for eco-friendly faucets, energy efficient washers and dryers, and to become a Green Circle Salon. The program would allow the salon to divert 85-95% of its waste from landfills and waterways to be recycled, reused, and repurposed.

The Real Gym: Zeke OConnell opened The Real Gym in 2016 because he knew from experience what a positive impact a community gym can have on someone's life. He wanted to create a gym that he could have afforded when he was in high school or college, which is why he keeps his rates and registration fees low. The gym, located in Fulton, currently has about 80 members. Zeke wants to expand his gym, with the goal of providing group training to youth and high school athletes at an affordable rate.

Your Place or Mine Resale and Consignment Store: Lisa Neilson will soon be opening this higher-end home furnishing and décor consignment store on Edgington Lane. Lisa recently moved back to Wheeling after being away from the area for a decade. she has years of experience in sales, home staging, home decorating and organization, and is excited to be back and offer the community a place to shop, repurpose, and love their home again. Show of Hands would provide funds to get her business up and running.



Singer and guitarist Zoe Buccella will be the featured entertainment for the evening. She'll take the stage starting at 6 p.m. and will be performing original folk songs as well as reworked classics.

This program is generously funded by several community sponsors. Orrick, the program's corporate sponsor, donates \$1,000 to each event. The Friends of Show of Hands, which consists of community members and business owners, contribute \$250 to each event. Friends of Show of Hands include Dave and Beth Weaver of Wheeling Volkswagen & Subaru, Dr. and Mrs. Dan Joseph of Joseph Orthodontics, Brian Joseph of Touchstone Research Laboratory, Fuzz and Barb LaRue, H Lawrence Jones, Ed.D., Kennen & Kennen Realtors, Warwood Armature, and Rabbi Joshua Lief and Rebecca Lief.

So far, Show of Hands has given more than \$58,000 to support small businesses and projects in Wheeling.

About Wheeling Heritage

[Wheeling Heritage](#) is a catalyst for the revitalization of Wheeling. Through historic preservation, community development, and the arts, we help to tell Wheeling's story and shape its future. We seek to improve the quality of life in Wheeling by preserving and investing in our city, collaborating with others, and engaging the citizens of Wheeling in our work.