

Before I got here, I had always heard that America is a land of opportunity. And it is truly a land where dreams can come true — but only if you're willing to work hard. My parents and I emigrated from Chandigarh in North India to Queens, New York, in 2002. I went to college with the goal of becoming a healthcare professional. Along the way, I met my best friend and my life partner, who has always encouraged me to follow my dreams and has supported me through tough times, as any best friend would. Luckily, we've been married now for eleven years, and we are blessed with two beautiful kids.

In 2016, we made our way to the beautiful city of Austin. Then, one January night in 2018, my husband and I were sitting on our back porch (as we often do after the kids go to sleep), and I was talking about how I always wanted to open my own business and turn my passion for cooking into something more. We talked about how honorable it would be to serve people fresh home-cooked meals made from the recipes my mom and mother-in-law taught me over the years, and how wonderful it would be if we could deliver the food for free so customers wouldn't have to leave the comfort of their home or office.

Within two weeks of this wishful night, Aarisha Catering was formed! My husband turned my dream into a reality. To my surprise, he had registered the company, built the website, and found a licensed kitchen in Cedar Park — all without my knowing! At first, I was afraid and nervous, and I wondered how I would ever do it. But when someone believes in you so much and when you're blessed with such an amazing family and friends, then you become determined not to fail and not to let anyone down. Most importantly, I didn't want to let down the girl who came from India to the land of opportunity.

By the grace of God, I have not looked back. Yes, there are challenges (like getting up at 3:30 a.m. every day to prep meals), but when I get calls from happy customers who say mine is the best North Indian food they have eaten in a long time, it makes all the hard work worthwhile. In four short months, we have gone from 5 meals a day to 40+, so I say we're doing something right! Give us a call, and we will serve you true North Indian food that is sure to make you smile!



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