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## Georgia Micro Enterprise Network Celebrates 30 Years of Fueling Small Business Growth Across Georgia

ATLANTA, GA — March 9, 2026 — The Georgia Micro Enterprise Network (GMEN) proudly marks 30 years of strengthening small businesses and supporting entrepreneurs across Georgia and the Southeast. Founded in 1997, GMEN serves as a vital connector, capacity builder, and advocate for organizations that provide training, technical assistance, and access to capital for entrepreneurs.

To launch this milestone year, GMEN will host a public 30th Anniversary Kickoff Celebration on Friday, March 13, 2026, at the Russell Innovation Center for Entrepreneurs in Atlanta, where the organization is headquartered.

The anniversary theme, **“30 Years of Impact. Building What’s Next.”**, reflects GMEN’s legacy of advancing entrepreneurship and its continued commitment to expanding economic opportunity and strengthening communities.

Over three decades, GMEN has:

- Strengthened a statewide network of community-based lending and training organizations
- Supported thousands of entrepreneurs across Georgia
- Expanded access to capital, training, and business development resources
- Elevated microenterprise as a key driver of local and regional economies

“As we celebrate 30 years, we are not only honoring our history — we are accelerating our future,” said Elizabeth Wilson, Founder and CEO of GMEN. “Entrepreneurs are



essential to strong communities, and GMEN will continue building the infrastructure and partnerships that help them succeed.”

Throughout 2026, GMEN will lead a year-long anniversary campaign featuring statewide programming, entrepreneur spotlights, ecosystem engagement, and strategic initiatives designed to expand its reach and deepen its impact.

### **About Georgia Micro Enterprise Network (GMEN)**

The Georgia Micro Enterprise Network (GMEN) is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to expanding economic opportunity through entrepreneurship. GMEN strengthens organizations that support small businesses by providing access to training, technical assistance, and capital through a network of partners across Georgia and the Southeast. GMEN is headquartered at the Russell Innovation Center for Entrepreneurs in Atlanta and an office in Brunswick, Georgia.

Learn more at: [www.gmen.org](http://www.gmen.org).

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