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"Thanks for all your effort and help! I can now put all my energy towards growing my business"

> - Jason Haines Supreme Landscape



TO OUR FRIENDS:

The pages of this year's Growth Capital Annual Report are certainly no "Value Menu". There is nothing cheap about the story we have to tell. Our Growth Capital story for 2017 includes yet another RECORDYEAR of Mission Impact. We supported over \$72.5 Million in total project financing, a 3% increase over 2016, and yet another RECORDYEAR. That growth helps clearly demonstrate how Growth Capital is creating real value for our borrowers, our banking partners and the communities we serve.

We created real value for the businesses who preserved their working capital and got just 10% down payments on their commercial property loans with our SBA 504 loan transactions. We created real value for our SBA Community Advantage (CA) borrowers who gained access to capital to fund their small business growth, many of whom are Underserved Market borrowers. We created real value for our banking partners who provided their SBA 504 borrowers with 20 year fixed rates well below 4.9% on average. We created real value with the re-introduction of our SBA 504 Refinance option that several companies took advantage of to improve their business cash flow, while our banking partners took advantage of our real value and brought new business into their banks. Growth Capital created real value for all small business owners by providing congressional testimony to the U.S. House of Representatives Small Business Committee on Capitol Hill, advocating for national policy makers to further support the engine of jobs growth in our economy. This real value is only possible with the dedication of our entire staff, the commitment of our volunteer Board and Committee members and the faith our referral partners place in this value -- together we are all creating real value.

Most importantly, we are proud of the real value that our small business borrowers created for the communities they serve, by creating jobs, growing their income and creating wealth in our neighborhoods, our cities and our state.

Growth Capital's value is realized through impressive results in 2017 that include:

REAL Mission Impact with a Record Year of Investment with over \$72MM in Total Financing

REAL Mission Impact with some 87% of our CA loans to Low-To-Moderate Income Businesses

REAL Mission Impact with 35% of our Lending to Women and Minority Owned Businesses

REAL Mission Impact with some 236 New Jobs created by our Borrower's Businesses

This Mission Impact demonstrates how Growth Capital is creating real value that is shared by many; like our Lender of the Year, Dell Duncan of Geauga Savings, a local Community Bank; our Bank of the Year, Huntington National Bank, a back-to-back winner; our Community Advantage borrowers Harness Cycle right here in Downtown Cleveland, and KBM Business Machines on the banks of the Ohio River, Scioto County in Rural Appalachia; and this year's Impact Award Winner The Haufbrau Haus Cleveland who has created real value with more than 80 new jobs and critical redevelopment in a Low-to-Moderate Income neighborhood and a SBA HUBZone. We Thank You for your continued support of Growth Capital dear friends, and look forward to another great year of Creating Real Value together.



John Kropf, President and Executive Director



Partner Ulmer & Berne, LLP/Growth Capital — Chair of the Board

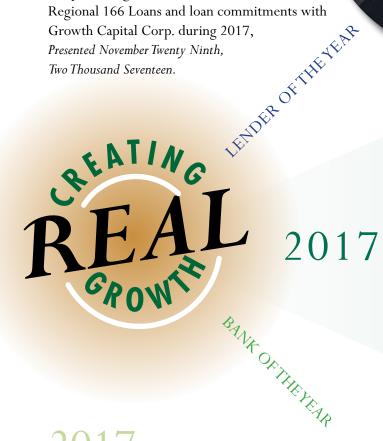
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Awarded to

Dell Duncan

For producing the most SBA 504 and Ohio Regional 166 Loans and loan commitments with





2017 LOAN ACTIVITY



Awarded to

Huntington National Bank

For producing the most SBA 504 and Ohio Regional 166 loans with Growth Capital Corp. during 2017,

Presented November Twenty Ninth,

Two Thousand Seventeen.

Hi All.

I wanted to thank all of you for taking time out of your busy schedules last week to meet with me. It was awesome being able to see how Growth Capital processes a loan. I GREATLY appreciate all your help and guidance. This will be very helpful and invaluable in rolling out our CA program. Thank you all! Sincerely,

- Terrence T. Louk, Loan Officer

Growth Capital certainly continued creating real value for small business with its loan activity. This year, we had 68 loans approvals and maintained the Number One SBA 504 and Community Advantage Lender status in the entire state of Ohio. While SBA 504 lending in the district increased last year, we were able to hold our own and maintain our market share at 41% in the SBA Cleveland District with total project financing of \$72.5MM.

Growth Capital had a good year with \$28 million in approved loans which leveraged over \$72.5 million in economic development investment in our communities during 2017. Our participation has adding significantly to the overall economic activity of our region with the potential to add over 236 new jobs for Ohio workers. Loan closing production for fiscal year 2017 totaled 39 loans funded through September 30, 2017 with loan closing dollar volume reaching \$16.5MM.

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LENDER	LOAN COUNT		LOAN AMOUNT
Huntington National Bank	6	9,287,543	3,631,000
Geauga Savings Bank	5	4,654,000	1,677,000
KeyBank National Association	4	11,413,683	4,853,000
JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A.	4	5,393,180	1,756,000
PNC Bank, National Association	2	1,562,500	647,000
Civista Bank		11,662,755	3,578,000
Ohio Valley Community Credit Union	1	10,498,500	3,222,000
BBVA Compass Bank		3,851,000	1,578,000
Chemical Bank	1	4,111,134	1,474,000
Wells Fargo Bank		2,465,580	826,000
Cortland Bank	1	1,686,000	607,000
Consumers National Bank		1,065,691	439,000
First National Bank of Bellevue	1	1,179,334	426,000
First Federal of Lakewood		721,000	299,000
Home Savings Bank	1	290,000	123,000
Community Advantage Loans	37	2,718,157	2,718,157
Grand Total	68	72,560,057	27,854,157









The Growth Capital loan portfolio demonstrates the hard work being undertaken to support our economic development mission. Our portfolio growth and performance is indicative of our commitment to prudent credit underwriting as we take very seriously our fiduciary responsibility. Sound loan growth is our objective.

SBA 504 \$104,213,432.71 312 Ohio Regional 166 \$ 2,272,412.67 13 Community Advantage \$ 8,982,578.10 76

The Sept. 30, 2017 value of the Growth Capital loan portfolio was \$115,468,423, with 401 active loans.

During Fiscal Year 2017, there were 30 loan prepayments, amounting to \$8,812,743.15, a 28% increase over the previous year. The new loan activity over prepayments caused the portfolio to decrease by \$943,027.23 or 0.8%.

Growth Capital managed 1 (all SBA 504) loans in liquidation during fiscal year 2017. There were 0 charge-offs of loans in liquidation.

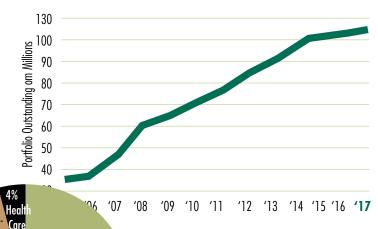
As of Fiscal 2017 year-end, Growth Capital has no loans in the process of being liquidated.

As of 09/30/2017 Growth Capital had a delinquency rate of 1.38% compared to an SBA bench rate of .60% and a peer group rate of .76%. For the fiscal 2017 year, The SBA Lender Risk Rating has remained at 2.

In FY 2017:

- Growth Capital made 39 loans totaling \$16,536,400 to entrepreneurs, which supported \$19,883,522 in additional investment
- 26% of loans were made to women-owned businesses
- 15% of loans were made to minority-owned businesses
- 3% of loans were made to veteran-owned businesses
- 87% of our Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Business Initiative borrowers are in low-moderate income areas
- 78% of our SBA Community Advantage loan approvals were to SBA Underserved Markets.

PORTFOLIO GROWTH:



tors 24% Manufacturing 10% Entertainment /Recreation **CLIENT** BREAKDOWN **Professional** Services

> 13% Food 14% Other

> > 2.01

Distribu-

17% Retailers

RISK RATING

CLIENTS SERVED

GROWTH

DISADVANTACED

99.69% Pass-Acceptable/Pass Monitor

PORTFOLIO

RISK RATING

35% Veteran/ Minority/ **Femail Owned** DIS-ADVANTAGED MARKETS

\$16.5 Million Total Loans

GOLDMAN-SACHS 17% Other Markets

83% Underserved

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GOLDMAN SACHS

13% Other

87% Low-to-Moderate **Income Borrowers**

I spoke with Amy Wong this morning, one of our alum you are working with, and she had nothing but fantastic things to share about you; so thank you for all that you do in partnership with us!

- Marisa (Goldman Sachs)

2017 LOANS



Markets

SBA 504 LOANS			
APPROVED CLOSED			
	Akron Family Institute, Inc.		
•	American Foam Products, Inc.		
•	Andrako and Associates, Inc.		
	ARBY'S		
•	Bell Market Xpress LLC		
•	Bell Market Xpress LLC		
•	Brands Marina		
•	Brunswick Hospitality, LLC		
•	Burger Ace Hardware		
	Candlewood Suites & Inns		
	Cleveland Center For Integrative Dentistry By Dr. Pastouk and Associates		
	Dance Studio M, Inc.		
	East Coast Custard		
•	Elgin Furniture		
•	Enpress, L.L.C.		
•	Event Source		
	Fairlawn Residence Inn		
	George Malita Constructors, Inc.		
	Good Nature Organic Lawn, LLC		
	Hemlock Landscapes, Inc.		
	Life Safety Systems, LLC		
	MVP Plastics, Inc.		
	National Carpet Mill Outlet		
	NC Soccer Club Inc.		
•	Perennial Smiles, Inc.		
•	Perrino Builders & Remodeling		
	Plextrusions, Inc		
•	Primrose School of Westlake		
•	Root-Infotech		
•	Specialty Fitness Equipment, LLC		
•	Suburban Physical Therapy, Inc.		
	Subway		
•	T3 Performance LLC		
	The Anchor Inn		
•	The Cleveland Plant and Flower Company - Columbus		
•	The Cleveland Plant and Flower Company - Elyria		
•	The Cleveland Plant and Flower Company - Parma		
•	The Gent Machine Company		
	TownePlace Suites by Marriott		
•	Tymex Plastics, Inc		
•	United Surface Finishing, Inc.		
•	Wecall, Inc.		
•	Western Reserve Distillers, LLC		
	Woodpeckers, Inc.		

SBA COMMUNITY ADVANTAGE LOANS

		ADVANTAGE LOANS	
APPROVED	CLOSED		
•		American Logistics Group, Inc	
		Bell Market Xpress LLC	
•		BGI Acquisition, LLC	
		BR Acquisition, Inc.	
		Brunswick Hospitality, LLC	
		Christopher R. Ryba, DDS, Inc.	
		Dance Studio M, Inc.	
		Dot Org Solutions, LLC	
		EduFun LLC	
		Elgin Furniture and Appliance, Inc	
•		Event Source	
•		Fascar Drive Thru LLC	
		G & G Hardware Company	
		George Malita Constructors, Inc.	
		Glatte Incorporated	
	•	Harness, LLC	
		Jennie May Inc.	
•		JF Foods Inc.	
•		KBM Business Machines, Inc.	
	•	Life Moving Forward LLC	
		Moving Body & Soul, LLC	
•		MVP Plastics, Inc.	
		Natural Genetics LLC	
•		Om Sai Krupa Inc.	
•		Omni Staffing Solution LLC	
•		Out on a Limb Unlimited, LLC	
		Perennial Smiles, Inc.	
•		Reserve Filter Systems, Inc.	
		Specialty Fitness Equipment, LLC	
•		Suburban Physical Therapy, Inc.	
		Supreme Landscape & Lawncare LLC	
•		Swagger Tavern, LLC	
		T3 Performance, LLC	
		Tack-Anew, Inc.	
		The Gent Machine Company	
•		The Proper Pig Smokehouse LLC	
		United Surface Finishing, Inc.	
•		Wecall, Inc.	
•		Weigl Works, LLC	
•		WH & SF Company	

OHIO REGIONAL 166 LOAN

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Amigos Construction Corp

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Café O'Play

Don't tell John and Carol Green hard work doesn't pay off! This Stowe, OH based indoor playground and adult oasis was voted #1 Best Kids Play area in Northeast Ohio. More than an indoor playground live music is often heard from the café area.

Glatte, Inc

Located in Mentor, Ohio, Glatte Inc operates as a commissioned sales and marketing representative. They handle various market niches for the industrial process control, data acquisition and sensor marketplace within its territory. They serve the following areas : Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Suburban New York and West Virginia. In June of 2004, Mike Luck and Scott Elliott, two long time employees of the company purchased the business.



Thank you for working through this so quickly and for your patience with us. Everything is a learning process and having people like you and Betty help us along makes all the difference. All my best, -Anne (Harness LLC)



Jones Printing

Keeping up with technology is critical to the growth of Jones Printing in Eastlake, OH. Jim Jones has expanded into digital printing and the company continues to explore new avenues for print work.

JONES PRINTING

Harness Cycle

Harness Cycle is a cycling studio located in the newly revitalized Hingetown neighborhood of Cleveland's near west side. A rider's retreat, Harness Cycle is quickly becoming this city's favorite way to sweat and renew! Anne Hartnett opened Harness Cycle in 2013. The cycling studio fast grew a following + helped turn an Ohio City block into a neighborhood. They expanded into a second KBM BUSINESS location downtown in the historic Garfield Building on E. 6th and Euclid. The new facility includes a retail shop offering clothing and fitness gear from local makers.

KBM Business Machines, Inc.

Located in Portsmouth Ohio, KBM provides point of sale systems to a variety of markets including Hospitality, Grocery, C-store operations. KBM was founded in 1974 and purchased by the current owner David Cooper. He has kept the core beliefs as the heart of the company and has adapted to the every changing markets of point of sales systems and business office equipment.



HARNESS





STAFFING SOLUTION

Omni Staffing Solution LLC Omni Staffing Solution LLC was started in April of 2015 by Valerie

Technology, Administrative and Industrial positions.

Gamidov who has worked in the staffing industry for over 15 years. Omni helps over 1000 people each year find employment. They have built relationships with top employers and connect people with them in their job search and placement needs. Omni specializes in Sales & Marketing, Information

North Coast Sign Works
Located in Bedford Heights, OH this specialty

sign company sells to municipalities, commercial properties, restaurants, churches and housing developments. The signs are die cut/CNC machined from high density polyethylene. Bill Hamilton and Scott Fridrich are not only co-owners but neighbors and friends. Their collaboration has boosted revenue and the company's reputation on a nationwide basis.



SHOREGATE BEVERAGE

Shoregate BeverageOne of the largest stores of its kind in NEO Shoregate Beverage is owned by the husband/wife team of Hiren and Harshna Patel. Located in Willowick, OH this store offers thousands of products which is key to its growth.

Stimburys

Diane Stimburys recently relocated her established accounting practice from Euclid to Willoughby, OH. Over 2000 clients benefit from Diane's guidance and expertise which will be continued by her daughter Mary.



The Proper Pig Smokehouse LLC

The Proper Pig Smokehouse LLC was formed in 2014 as a food truck business. The business is owned 50/50 by Shane Vidovic and Ted Dupaski. After a very successful two years on the Cleveland food truck scene they were able to open their first brick and mortar location in April of 2016. The Proper Pig Smokehouse restaurant, located at 17100 Detroit Ave in Lakewood, Ohio. Their three prong approach, food truck, restaurant location and catering has allowed them to fund their own growth so far. They expanded to a second location at 9582 Diamond Centre Dr in Mentor, Ohio.



MARKETING ACTIVITY

The Growth Capital staff is committed to our organizational Strategic Objective "Focus our Marketing Efforts on Relationship Partnerships". In doing so we continue to execute strategies to initiate new relationships and educate our target market on the benefits of our loan programs. During fiscal year 2017 we participated in a host of networking events and delivered presentations and training on our three loan programs.

In December, Gil Goldberg, District Director, U.S. Small Business Administration's Cleveland District office, awarded Growth Capital, SBA's Certified Development Company of the Year Award. This award honors the certified development company with the most SBA 504 loan approvals in the SBA Cleveland District.

Growth Capital hosted its Eleventh annual stakeholders networking reception in April. More than 150 customers, bankers, commercial realtors and accountants attended this event.

Growth Capital's updated website allows prospective customers to apply online for our three loan products. The website also has many downloadable forms and information on our loan programs.

We have continued our referral and loan contest. The contest rewards those who refer or make a loan that is agency approved. These individuals earn raffle tickets to win prizes including a \$599 cash gift card along with other great prizes. The prizes are awarded during the 2017 annual meeting.

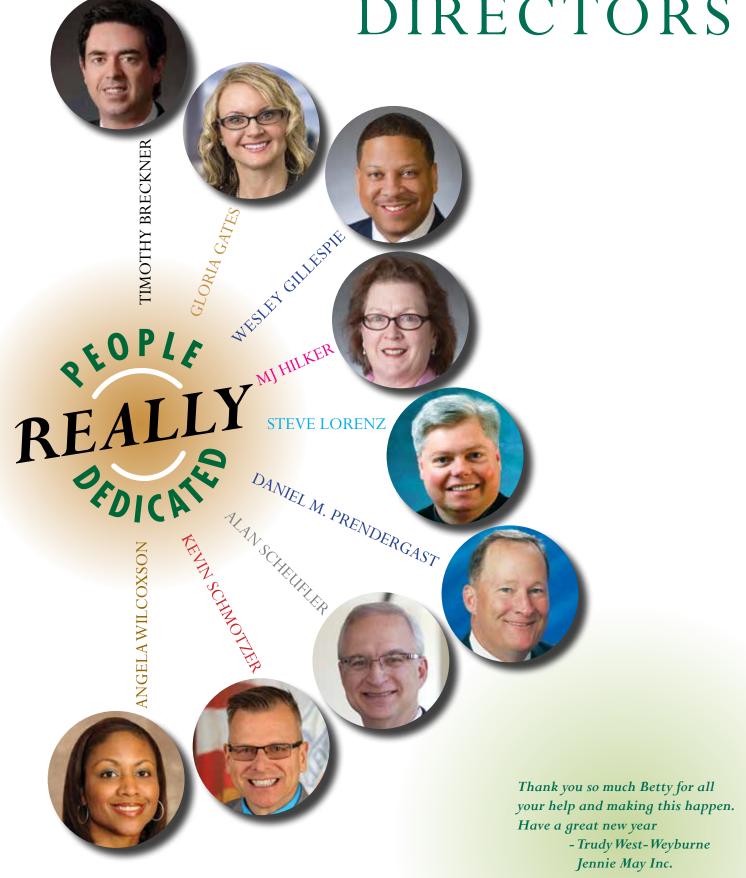
Growth Capital's electronic newsletter and blog distributed through LinkedIn and Twitter, were instrumental in 2017 as they were the source that











	DOADD OF	CEDVICING	LOAN		
MEMBER	BOARD OF DIRECTORS	SERVICING COMMITTEE	LOAN COMMITTEE	NAME	COMPANY
	DIRECTORS		COMMITTEE	Vince Adamus	Greater Cleveland Partnership
				Lawrence Allen	Dollar Bank
				John Barth	Chase Bank
				Bill Beard	Fifth Third Bank
				Timothy Breckner	Colliers International Real Estate
				Chuck Ciuni	Ciuni & Panichi, Inc.
				Monorah Daga	Dingus & Daga, Inc.
				Cherie Dimmerling	Avnet Integrated Solutions
•				Michael Elliott	National Development Counsel
	•			Gloria Gates	PNC Bank
•			•	Wesley Gillespie	US Bank
•				MJ Hilker	Peoples Bank
•		-		Kirsty Hull Newmark	Grubb Knight Frank
			•	David Kinzel	KeyBank
•			•	Michal Klein	Ciuni & Panichi, Inc.
				Richard Kretschman	Fifth Third Bank
		•		Mark Kutylowski	Community
			•	Arnold Lockett	Cuyahoga County Dept. of Economic Development
•	•			Steven Lorenz	Kamm's Corner Development Corp.
			•	Ben Norton	Buckeye Bank
•	•			Daniel Prendergast	Meaden & Moore, Ltd.
	•			Alan Scheufler	Ulmer & Berne, LLP
•	•			Kevin Schmotzer	City of Cleveland
			•	Ronald Schultz	First Federal of Lakewood
				John Tubbs	Community
	•			Angela Wilcoxson	KeyBank



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