

ENTREPRENEUR SPOTLIGHT

Project Outcomes:

(June 2, 2003 to October 1, 2008)

- ◆ Total Clients Assisted: **469**
- ◆ Businesses Started: **35**
- ◆ Businesses Expanded: **13**
- ◆ Jobs Created: **127**
- ◆ Businesses Retained: **8**
- ◆ Jobs Retained: **39**
- ◆ Tune-Ups of Existing Businesses: **49**

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Big Mike's Diner Opens in Holton

In early September, father and daughter, Mike Fryberger and Brandee Longhofer, realized a dream with the opening of Big Mike's Diner at 316 Pennsylvania, Holton, KS. The 50's style establishment offers diners home cooked food in a fun, retro atmosphere.

Food offerings include hamburgers, sandwiches, old-fashioned malts, root beer floats, and a full breakfast menu. "Our fresh, never frozen burgers have been very popular," said Mike.

Brandee indicated that customers are also enjoying the

diner's smoke-free environment. "We already have regulars," she said. "Really, the response from the community has been overwhelmingly positive. We really appreciate all their support!"

Taking the diner from dream to reality took months of hard work. During this process, Mike and Brandee sought assistance from Enterprise Facilitation. "Janet really helped put things into perspective and made us think about things we hadn't," said Brandee of the help received. "She was always supportive and never made us feel that our

dream was impossible."

While they have only been open a month, Brandee and Mike are enjoying their new venture and looking ahead to the winter months when they plan to offer lots of hot, home-made soups. "So, stop in or call ahead to see what's cooking," encouraged Mike.

Diner hours are 6 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday and 6 am to 2 pm on Saturday. The diner is located just south of the Holton Post Office at 316 Pennsylvania. Call 785-362-MIKE (6453) for more information.

EF Celebrates Five Years of Service in Northeast Kansas

On September 27th, EF board members, entrepreneur clients, supporters, and members of the public gathered in Hiawatha to celebrate the program's five years of service in NE Kansas. The celebration featured displays by 13 client businesses. Those participating were: All Around Sweets, Holton; Artemis, Holton; Cottage of the Seasons, Atchison; English Leather Shop, Horton; Holle's Studio, Hiawatha; Homestead Pet Resort & Spa, Holton; Jackson

Board Member, Gary Satter talks with Angie Rawlings and Crystalynn Hyatt of All Around Sweets at the September 27th Celebration



County Trader, Holton; Mule-skinner Lodge, Denison; Sabetha Greenhouse, Sabetha; Superior Cleaning, Robinson;

The Inn at Muddy Creek, Hoyt; Usborne Books at Home, Morrill; and Zallery, Atchison.

Upcoming Events:

November 13, 2008

6:00 pm - Board Meeting at the Fisher Community Center, 201 East Iowa, Hiawatha, KS.