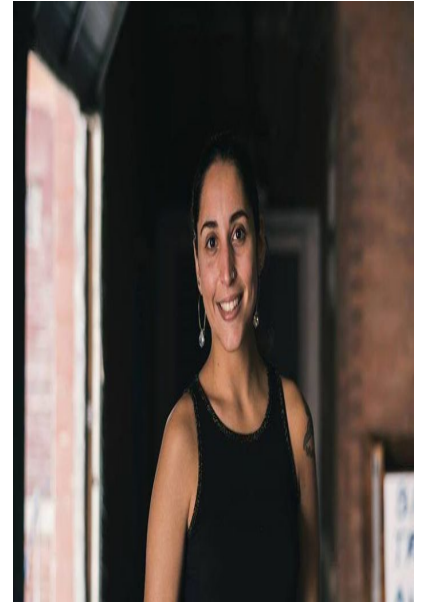


# Faces Of New Bedford – #17: Nicole Corkum

Meet Nicole Corkum, a 27 year-old jewelry maker and thrift store owner.



Having lived here her entire life, she has seen several business grow into something out of nothing in the downtown area.

That was, in part, her inspiration to starting New Bedford Negotiables, a thrift store located in the south end of New Bedford. After seeing how profitable it was selling her old and unused clothes through online yard sales, she thought about taking that vision and turning it into a full scale operation.

Three years later, that vision has turned into a reality for Nicole. Teaming up with local artists and jewelry makers, not only does she resell people's older and vintage items, but supports the local art community by providing space for them to sell their wares.

She would love to join others in the community and help development an environment of positivity.

*"We are only going to see change if we are actively seeking it, rather than sitting back and complaining. Instead of*

*people seeing things in a negative way, we should be encouraging them to try and see the positive in things. Crime happens everywhere and rather than bash our city we can improve it because complaining gets us nowhere. We need to be the change we want to see in the world."*

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