

## Sole Sisters

LeAnn Wade and Nicole Garner, owners of Sole Sister, LLC, in Seminary, MS, recently received the prestigious Women's Small Business Champion award from the Small Business Administration (SBA). The duo was recognized for their remarkable achievements in entrepreneurship and their efforts to support young women with at-risk backgrounds.

Sole Sister, LLC, is a small business that specializes in footwear and accessories. However, the company is more than just a retail store; it is a community-focused enterprise that emphasizes social responsibility and giving back.

The Mississippi Small Business Development Center (SBDC) assisted LeAnn and Nicole in acquiring a local small business that was closing down. The SBDC helped them with financial planning, accounting and real estate issues.

Since then, Sole Sister has gone on to create a supportive and nurturing work environment. They provide an on-site child care learning studio for their employees and staff, making it easier for them to balance work and family life.

Furthermore, the company employs young women with at-risk backgrounds, offering them the opportunity to gain valuable work experience and life skills. By providing mentorship and support, LeAnn and Nicole are helping these young women build brighter futures for themselves.

LeAnn Wade and Nicole Garner are inspiring examples of successful businesswomen who are using their platform to make a positive impact on their community. Their commitment to social responsibility and giving back is commendable, and they are truly deserving of the SBA Women's Small Business Champion award.