



2019 Community Leader Business Award



Nadin Yousef

Nadin Yousef's story is the American story. Born in Iraq, she came to Buffalo as a refugee in 2014, having moved first to Syria and then Turkey to escape the horrors of war and persecution. She is a mother of four, and like so many generations of immigrants and refugees before her, she left almost everything behind in order to try and build a better, safer life here for her family. Since her arrival, Nadin has established her own business at the West Side Bazaar and she is an example of the best about the American Dream.

Like so many small business owners, Nadin's shop is the culmination of both a lifelong dream and years of hard work. War and violence put her dreams of a small business on hold, and it was only here, almost through happenstance that she was able to set up her shop. A gift, given in gratitude to her caseworker at the International Institute, led her to the doors of the Westminster Economic Development Initiative, and through that relationship she was able to open her own business. Today, she looks forward to expanding her line of unique items and goods.

For her perseverance in the face of many obstacles and for being a voice for her community, the NFJC is proud to present Nadin Yousef with the 2019 Community Leader Business Award.



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