

A NYC DAY WITH ASCENDUS CLIENTS

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1. BREAKFAST AT BUSHWICK GRIND

Start off eating a delicious, locally sourced breakfast from Kymme's cafe - Brooklyn Grind. Kymme used her Ascendus loan to stay open during the pandemic, and created the first community fridge program in NY.

[Visit Bushwick Grind](#)
Brooklyn NY

2. CATCH A SHOW AT STUART CINEMA AND CAFE

Emelyn used her Ascendus loan to finish construction on her theatre, and became the first Black and / or Hispanic person to own an independent theatre in New York. Check out a selection of films both from popular releases and from local cinematographers.

[Visit Stuart Cinema and Cafe](#)
Brooklyn, NY



3. COOKIES AND COFFEE AT JANIE'S

Janie opened her third bakery, Janie Bakes, in New York City through her Ascendus loan. Janie's bakery has been featured on the Today Show, Good Morning America, and the New York Times.

[Visit Janie Bakes](#)
Manhattan, NY



4. HEAD TO HARLEM FOR LUNCH

Cisse used his Ascendus loan to renovate his restaurant, Renaissance Cafe. Today, he is merging his Senegalese culture with traditional American cuisine, and is bringing his culinary creations to new heights in Harlem.

[Visit Renaissance Cafe](#)
Harlem, NY

5. CREATE A NEW WARDROBE

After a flood, Edwing used his Ascendus loan to recover from damages and recreate his clothing line, Life is a Runway. Today, he has started a nonprofit to help women in Colombia gain educational opportunities and enter the workforce.

[Visit Life is a Runway](#)
Harlem, NY



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6. SPRUCE UP YOUR SKINCARE

Sade's had been running her skincare line in Harlem for over 30 years. Through an Ascendus loan, she opened her first storefront location, Omo Sade Skincare, providing hair and makeup services and job opportunities to those in her community.

[Visit Omo Sade Skincare](#)
Harlem, NY

7. VISIT A REAL CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Through an Ascendus loan, Jessica set up her own chocolate factory - making her products in house and cutting out the middle man. Take a behind the scenes at Harlem Chocolate Factory and sample her delicious artisan chocolates.

[Visit Harlem Chocolate Factory](#)
Harlem, NY



8. OPEN YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE

Grab your next great read through Kew and Willow Books, a community bookstore that focuses on merging classic reads with new favorites. Vina used her loan to stay open and stay afloat during the pandemic.

[Visit Kew and Willow Bookstore](#)
Queens, NY



9. GET CAFFINATED

Carlos used his Ascendus loan to open his storefront coffee shop, "Over the Moon Coffee." Today, he has lines out the door waiting to try his culinary creations and house made brews.

[Visit Over the Moon Coffee](#)
Queens, NY

10. TRY AUTHENTIC ECUADORIAN CUISINE

Tatiana used her loan to open a third location of her popular Ecuadorian restaurant, El Gran Coffee Shop. Try local dishes and some of the best Ecuadorian food New York City has to offer.

[Visit El Gran Coffee Shop](#)
Queens, NY

