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# Kaisa's Story

FROM OREGON, UNITED STATES

My name is Kaisa Butcher, and I'm one of the co-owners of Lionheart Coffee Company in Beaverton, OR. After college, I had the privilege of interning with a human rights organization in India. My Indian coworkers partnered with local law enforcement and social service agencies to help rescue and rehabilitate survivors of human trafficking. I was inspired by their selfless dedication and undying commitment to seeking justice. Humbled, I returned to Oregon determined to emulate them. Upon my return, I had an epiphany. What if I opened up a coffee shop with a cause? I had always loved coffee and the experiences that surrounded it. What if I opened a shop that would serve amazing coffee and help to empower the local community? What if I used the shop to raise awareness about different causes? I partnered with my friend and coworker Ben Reese to start Lionheart Coffee Company in Beaverton, OR in May 2015. It's been an amazing experience, fostering community and sharing our love of coffee with our customers and friends. This loan of \$4,000 will help us more quickly pay down some of our higher interest loans that we incurred during our first year of business.



## Cascade Investment Advisors decided to focus its charitable lending efforts to an entrepreneur right here in Oregon...

Oregon is rapidly becoming a coffee mecca. Boasting a wealth of small batch coffee roasters and purveyors, it's now known for having some of the best coffee in the United States and the world.

And while 99% of our lending efforts focuses on third-world entrepreneurs, we're big believers in community ethos and supporting a thriving, local community. To join us in supporting entrepreneurs both near and far, visit our lending team at "The Microlending Fund" at [Kiva.org](http://Kiva.org).

