



Chester County Fund for Women & Girls

## **TogetherHER Fireside Chat with Female Business Owners Speaker Bios**



### **Silenia Rhoads, The Malvern Buttery**

Silenia Rhoads likes to reinvent herself every few years. She holds a B.A. in Public Policy from Duke University, with additional coursework in Women's Studies and Public Health. She earned an M.A. in Public Health Education from Teachers College, Columbia University. Her early career work revolved around HIV/AIDS Education, mental health promotion, women's health, and disease prevention. She focused her efforts on teaching adolescents and young adults. After starting a family, Silenia decided to take on a new adventure and opened a Bakery Cafe in her town, alongside her husband John, where she played every role at some point or another. For the past few years, Silenia has been home with her family, taking in the small joys of life. Next, she hopes to garner the courage to become a writer, and to go back to traveling, after the pandemic. Adventure awaits...



### **Dionna Harris, Find Your Strength Fitness**

In today's fitness industry, there are so many gyms willing to cram as many people as possible into one space and offer some type of workout with exercises which the participants may or may not be able to effectively perform. That's where Find Your Strength is different. Dionna Harris created her business with the idea in mind that everyone should have the opportunity to feel valued and important while they are working toward becoming the healthier version of themselves. Fitness is not only about the way you look from the outside but also the way you feel about yourself on the inside. Strength happens from the inside out, not the reverse. Her small groups allow Dionna to offer the time and attention to accommodate each individual's needs and exceed their expectations.

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## **Amber Little Turner, Small Business Advisor & Reecies Soaps LLC**

Amber recently joined The Matt Gorham Team- Keller Williams, assisting buyers find their next forever home! Amber's love for real estate began at the age of 12 when she got her 1st job cleaning houses. Knowing that real estate is the #1 wealth building tool and since purchasing her personal home, Amber's been a huge advocate for home ownership. Transitioning into a career as a Real Estate Agent has been a natural fit. Amber recently worked for the US Senate and State House of

Representatives. Aside from working in state and federal government; she has served as the Philadelphia Regional Manager and Executive Director for LegalShield, Inc. Amber currently serves on the Chester County Women's Commission, Advisory Board member for the Brandywine YMCA, Parkesburg Point & Brandywine Acting Aging Board member. As a proud Coatesville resident, Amber's heart remains in revitalization for her community. She enjoys spending time with her family, fitness and helping her 2 year old daughter build her business, Reecies Soaps, along with her husband Marvin and their 5 children.



## **Reece Turner, Reecies Soaps LLC**

Reece is the Founder and owner of Reecies Soaps LLC. Reecies Soaps & Natural Products was birthed in 2017 when Founder, Reece Turner, suffered from eczema. She and her parents went on a quest to find all natural products that would help her on her journey as she sought relief. As they researched, they found that many suffer from the same skin condition. As a result, Reece suggested she start making her own soap, which ultimately helped soothe her eczema. She

decided she wanted to help others and share her new found gift. Although Reecies Soaps & Natural Products are for all skin types, she takes pride in how it all started. When Reece is not in school or building her business she's spending time with family and friends. She loves to dance, draw and paint. Reece dances completely with CMS Cheer in Coatesville, PA. Horses are another passion for Reece. She likes to spend time volunteering at a local barn and hopes to own her own horse one day.