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Just in time for [National Small Business Week](#), our founders Lauren and David traveled to New York, Ohio, and Louisiana to meet with entrepreneurs and community changemakers.

Although different regions have varying strengths and pain points, the capital gaps preventing small business owners from growing were strikingly similar around the country. Read Lauren's thoughts on the state of small business across her [travels in the Empire, Buckeye, and Jazz States](#).

[How to invest in our diverse borrowers](#)

Celebrating a year of impact together



A year ago this month, we celebrated the launch of community-connected capital in San Diego, and nearly 150 of you got to meet our first three borrowers there. [Read on for the incredible impact](#) that borrower [All Across Africa](#) has made over the past year.



Women leading change

We teamed up with [San Diego Habitat for Humanity](#) to honor women in San Diego who are leading change at the [Women Build the Future breakfast](#).

We sat down with inspiring women from various backgrounds and industries and bonded over a shared passion to invest in affordable homeownership. Read more about the breakfast on our [blog](#).

[Learn more about our Homebuilding Investment Fund](#)



- [Nipsey Huddle had a plan to beat gentrification — in South L.A. and across the U.S.](#) [L.A. Times]
- [The lending gap narrows for women business owners, but it's still 31% less than for men](#) [CNBC]
- [Want to visualize inequality? View cities from above](#) [National Geographic]
- [Can cities design policies to shrink the racial wealth gap?](#) [Fast Company]
- [Podcast: Planet Money: Dollar Stores' Effects On Communities](#) [NPR]
- [The Education Scandal That's Bigger Than Varsity Blues](#) [The Atlantic]
- ['Fairbnb' Wants to Be the Unproblematic Alternative to Airbnb](#) [CityLab]

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