

Kenwood entrepreneur nabs award

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(Photo: Thanks to Jason Young)

It's no surprise that a bowl of tomato soup and a grilled cheese sandwich is a national comfort food.

What may be surprising is that grilled cheese has created a sustainable business for entrepreneur Emily Frank, owner of C'est Cheese Food Truck Inc. of Cincinnati.

Frank, 39, of Kenwood, has been selected a SCORE Client Success for her hard work, profitability and vision to form and organize the Cincinnati Food Truck Association. Her 2-year old company was a 2012 finalist in the Bad Girl Ventures micro-lending class.

She came to SCORE, the volunteer arm of the Small Business Administration, in 2012, when she moved back to Cincinnati from Chicago to start her business.

"Emily came to us for help with a business plan, financing and funding options and has used SCORE as a sounding board for opportunities to take her business to the next level," said Jane Vanderhorst, president of Vanderhorst Consulting Inc. and Frank's SCORE counselor.

"She embodies the spirit of the true entrepreneur— she's passionate about her business, willing to work and engage, and has a vision for the future of what her industry can be."

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