





community development partnership

Creating opportunities for people to live, work, and thrive on the Lower and Outer Cape

As You Wish Kitchen... it's not inconceivable!

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- Karen Friedman, Founder and Owner of As You Wish Kitchen and CDP Client

You've tasted Karen Friedman's work if you ever enjoyed a bowl of granola at Wellfleet's now-closed but forever-loved The Fox and Crow restaurant.

After a career as a nurse practitioner, Karen, who moved to Wellfleet from Cambridge five years ago, found a new passion in making granola. What started as a way to avoid overly sweet commercial brands soon became a gift-giving tradition and a burgeoning business.

During the pandemic, Karen's journey took a significant turn when she volunteered for Common Table, a local non-profit providing meals to those in need. At the end of the project, as a token of appreciation, she gave a bag of her homemade granola to the program coordinator, Trudy Vermehren, who also happened to be the owner of The Fox and Crow. Trudy enjoyed the granola so much that it earned a spot on her breakfast menu and quickly became a favorite menu item. Unfortunately, the restaurant closed in 2023, but Karen had already considered the next steps with her business and saw the closing as an opportunity.



Inconceivable
Granola is
delicious and
healthy
small batch granol
a made fresh in
Wellfleet, MA.

Each batch is lightly sweetened with maple syrup, and offers more than 50% nuts and seeds, with no processed sugars or fats added.



Karen began working with Tricia Murray, Business & Credit Programs Manager, at the Community Development Partnership (CDP). The CDP's support was valuable, especially its ServSafe certification course and "Bringing Your Food Product to Market" training, which

helped her license her home kitchen for commercial production. Additional guidance on entity formation, cash flow management, ingredient tracking, and other vital business practices supported her preparations to start her own business. "I had no background in opening a business," says Karen. "The CDP provided the resources and training I needed and gave me the confidence to follow my passion."

As You Wish Kitchen launched in 2024, taking its name from the classic William Goldman story and film "The Princess Bride." Karen's granola, named "Inconceivable Granola," is a nod to one of the movie's memorable quotes. She bakes small batches from her home kitchen using high-quality ingredients; the granola is vegan and gluten-free. Her adorable dog, Fezzik, named after a character from the film, is her constant companion and provided the image on the original label. Karen says Fezzik often watches closely from the next room as she bakes, eagerly waiting to explore the nearby beaches and woods once Karen finishes packaging her creation.

Karen's goal is to keep As You Wish Kitchen a small, one-person operation that allows her to enjoy her work and maintain a strong connection to the community she loves. While she plans to expand her product line, she is committed to ensuring that the joy she finds in making and sharing her granola remains at the heart of her business.

We encourage you to try As You Wish Kitchen's Inconceivable Granola, which is on sale at Hatch's Fish Market in Wellfleet or the 204 Market in Harwich. We bet you will love this granola and Outer Cape-based business, providing high-quality, healthy yumminess as much as we do. Prepare to enjoy!



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Hatch's Fish & Produce Market

May-September 2024 Town Hall parking lot, Wellfleet, MA 02667 hatchesfishmarket.com

204 Market

August 8, 15, 22, 29 3:00-6:00 pm 204 Sisson Road, Harwich, MA 02645 204sisson.com

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