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Success Story Future Great Comics

When Brian LeVick decided to move to Hamilton, Ohio, centrally located between Cincinnati and Dayton, he saw an opportunity to start Future Great Comics, a comic book store selling new and used comics, along with toys and vintage gaming systems.

"Ever since I was a kid, I have always been interested in comic books", said LeVick, owner of Future Great Comics. "By providing a space for families, neighbors and friends to enjoy the classic comics, while also offering new comics featuring local artists, we believe we are contributing to the vibrancy of Downtown Hamilton, Ohio."

Although, LeVick has always been well-versed in Marvel superheroes and villains, he needed help learning how to start and run a business; so, he reached out to the Butler County Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at The Hamilton Mill for guidance.

David Riggs, a business advisor at the Butler County SBDC, helped LeVick enroll in the SBDC's Micro-Enterprise class, which helps entrepreneurs learn how to start and manage a business, along with developing a detailed business plan. With much success from the program, LeVick opened his business in October 2016. Even after completing the course, LeVick continues to receive assistance and support from the Butler County SBDC.

"I have worked with many motivated entrepreneurs, but I would be hard-pressed to name a more community-focused and creative small business owner", Riggs said. "Brian has forged some tremendous alliances and has established himself as a leader in the revitalized downtown Hamilton Main Street area."

As a small business in the city of Hamilton, Future Great Comics has become an integral part of Hamilton's Main Street revitalization efforts. LeVick has also assisted the city with planning Hamilton's first "Super Hero Saturday" which was held in July 2017, an event consisting of costume contests, children's activities, and a photo booth.

With growing community involvement and LeVick's passion for cartoons, Future Great Comics has become a traveler's destination, bringing in customers from across Ohio.

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