



Mark Gillilan, Co-Founder

At Kyoto Botanicals, co-founder Mark Gillilan has dedicated himself to his life's work of helping improve quality of life through natural products by providing premium CBD products.

Mark began his career as a conservation biologist working to protect endangered species across the U.S. This work in the natural world inspired him to connect people more directly with nature and he transitioned into brand management for global leaders in the food, nutrition, and health and wellness industries. There he found the perfect intersection of his passions in hemp and CBD.

In 2017, Mark became the marketing director for the largest CBD brand in the country, Charlotte's Web, a pioneer in the CBD space. Charlotte's Web developed a high CBD, low THC strain of cannabis that helped thousands of families. The company made global headlines as the story was pivotal in the progressive THC and CBD legislation. Mark experienced firsthand the incredible power of the hemp plant and its associated phytocannabinoids in its ability to improve lives and restore hope to people and families that had little hope left. Their stories changed him forever, and Mark knew that his future would be dedicated to creating and delivering the highest quality CBD products possible.

Throughout Mark's career, he witnessed the issues resulting from today's industrial food complex and ingredient supply chain. Mark built Kyoto Botanicals and its products to be different. Mark and his partners developed products that are crafted from pure plant-derived ingredients providing benefits and flavor in a clean and transparent way.

Mark graduated with his Bachelor of Science in biology from the University of Colorado Boulder and his master's in business administration with a concentration in marketing from the University of Michigan.

Ron Morrow Jr., Co-Founder

As the co-founder of Kyoto Botanicals, Ron Morrow Jr. is committed to providing handcrafted botanical CBD products made with premium full-spectrum hemp extract and the finest organic ingredients.

An entrepreneur at heart, Ron led several successful businesses across multiple sectors and him and his father were the largest Grease Monkey franchisees in the U.S. In 2018, Ron became intrigued by CBD when his own health started to suffer and CBD was the only outlet that he could find that provided relief. Putting his money where his health and heart was, he invested in a hemp farm and extraction facility, Kind Roots Botanicals, which is now Colorado's leading ingredient supplier for all things CBD. Ron became a passionate advocate for organic farming practices on the 1,200-acre farm in Wray, Colo. and joined the board of directors, where he still serves today.

Like Mark Gillilan, Ron began seeing a lack of transparency permeate throughout the CBD industry. To combat this, together they founded Kyoto Botanicals in February 2020. Ron is now fulfilling his dream of bringing harmony to his customers through pure, organic and tasty CBD products.

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