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Me & the Bees Lemonade Among Fastest Growing U.S. Companies

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All-natural, mission-driven lemonade company named to Inc. 5000 list as a high growth Southwest-based business

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Teen social entrepreneur Mikaila Ulmer, Founder and CEO of Me & the Bees Lemonade isn't just a proud member of the high school graduating class of 2022 this year, she and her company, Me & the Bees Lemonade, are also in the 2022 class of the Inc. 5000, the fastest growing companies in America.

Growing more than 300% over two years and now with distribution in all 50 states, Me & the Bees Lemonade comes in at number 36 on the Southwest regional list of independent small businesses. The Inc. 5000 Regionals list calls out 932 of the fastest-growing private companies in the U.S. A subset of the annual Inc. 5000 franchise from Inc. Magazine, this prestigious line up highlights most successful high growth companies from coast to coast.

"As we are experiencing our highest growth phase of our 13 years in 'buzzness,' it's so validating to be recognized right now for our hard work of helping save the bees with every bottle of our product sold, and for our perseverance toward being known as America's favorite lemonade brand," said Mikaila. "Thanks so much to our 'bee-lievers' for seeking out our products more than ever before and to our team for all of their hard work and dedication."

The 2022 Inc. 5000 Regionals are ranked according to percentage revenue growth when comparing 2018 and 2020. Me & the Bees grew by 317% in that two-year period and expanded into regional and national retailers, including Target, and online at sites like GoPuff.com. The company experienced 100% year-over-year growth last year and is on track to do so again this year.

"This year's Inc. 5000 Regional winners represent one of the most exceptional and exciting lists of America's off-the-charts growth companies," Scott Omelianuk, editor-in-chief, Inc. "They are disruptors and job creators, and all delivered an outsized impact on the economy. Remember their names and follow their lead. These are the companies you'll be hearing about for years to come."

Between 2018 and 2020, the 141 private companies in the Southwest from various industries on the list had a combined average growth rate of 154%. In 2020 alone, the companies on this list added 10,563 jobs and nearly \$10.9 billion to the Southwest region's economy. Complete results of the Inc. 5000 Regionals Southwest can be found at inc.com/southwest.

About Me & the Bees Lemonade

In 2009, when Mikaila Ulmer found her Great Granny Helen's flaxseed lemonade recipe in a 1940s family cookbook, she was excited to give it a try. In 13 years, what started as a lemonade stand in a front yard in Austin, Texas, has quickly grown to a national brand with distribution to all 50 U.S. states and has recognized as a high growth company by being listed on the Inc. 5000 2022. Me & the Bees can be found nationally at Whole Foods Market, Target Cafes, The Fresh Market, Natural Grocers, and Cost Plus World Market, as well as at various regional and local retailers and restaurants, and online at sites like GoPuff.com and at <http://www.meandthebees.com>. The all-natural, shelf-stable lemonades contain no high-fructose corn syrup, no preservatives or additives, and are made with premium ingredients including U.S. Grade-A honey, real lemon juice, and flaxseed, which is rich in omega-3 fatty acids and antioxidants.

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