

# Rooted Living snack with an impact

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# The truth behind "healthy" snacks.

Most of these snacks are marketed as "healthy" but are full of refined ingredients.

Snacks that have healthy and clean ingredients are often wrapped in **single-use plastic packaging**, which is extremely detrimental to the environment.





### The Mission & Founder



**Rachel Domb**Founder of Rooted Living

Rooted Living brings **innovation to snacking**.

We give **power back to the consumer** by providing healthy snacks with **compostable packaging**. Our snacks are made with **whole food** and plant based ingredients.

We assure that **both you and the planet** will be happy.



# Rooted

They are snacks without sacrifices.
Snacks that empower,
that nourish,
that would allow the consumers to
embody their own morals.





# Who are Rooted Living's Competitors?



88 Acres



Purely Elizabeth



Michele's Granola



**KIND** 



Nature Valley



# **Company Analysis**

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#### **Strengths**

- Product personalization
- True healthy ingredients
- Packaging → made of compostable material

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#### **Weaknesses**

 Small variety of flavors and ingredients to choose from 0

#### **Opportunities**

- Boston is filled with college students
- Growth opportunities in other colleges/universities
- Influencer marketing

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#### **Threats**

- Emerging competitors
- COVID-19



# **Macro Factors**



- COVID-19
- Omnichannel, e-commerce, contactless services

#### Social/Cultural

- Culinary diversity
- Ethical farming practices
- Organic, plant-based

#### Tech/Scientific

- Expanding research on food processes
- Diet correlation to emissions
- Deforestation

#### Legal

- USDA Organic Certification
- Non-GMO Project seal
- Certified Vegan
- 100% compostable packaging





# Health and Wellness Food Industry





# 5 Forces Analysis

#### **Threat of New Entrants**

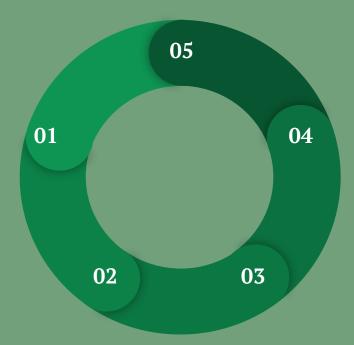
(low, constant)

- Growing Organic/Natural foods market
- Accessibility to inputs
- Lower capital requirements

#### Threat of Substitution

(medium, increasing)

- Direct competition
- Differentiated offerings and propositions
- Increasing plant-based, whole ingredient products



#### **Buyer Power**

(medium, increasing)

- Increasing availability of substitutes
- Price sensitive

#### **Supplier Power**

(low, constant)

- Large number of suppliers, manufacturers
- Low switching costs

#### Rivalry Among Competitors

(medium, increasing)

 Increased industry growth - smaller market share

# **Customer Analysis**

01	Segments	<ul> <li>Psychographic: sustainable lifestyle</li> <li>Demographic: college students</li> <li>Geographic: Boston</li> </ul>
02	Needs/Requirements	<ul> <li>College students are always on the go</li> <li>Younger demographic is more eco-conscious</li> </ul>
03	Purchase Process	<ul><li>E-Commerce (Instagram, Shopify)</li><li>Wollaston's</li></ul>



# **Target Market**



- College students (18-23 yrs)
- Greater Boston area
  - NEU, BU, BC, Berklee, MIT, Harvard, Simmons
- Low disposable & personal income
- Price sensitive consumers

- "On the go"
- Value convenience
- Ease of use
- Quick & efficient energy

- Eco-conscious consumers
  - Value sustainability & wellness



# **Positioning Strategy**

Rooted Living is **plant-based**, **sustainable**, and committed to **giving the power back to the consumers.** 

#### **Differentiating Factors**

- 1. Truly healthy and whole ingredients (no refined oils or sugars)
- 2. Educational platform
- 3. Compostable packaging
- 4. Female founded

#### **Growth Strategy**

- 1. Start-up Venture, University organizations
- The Sherman Center Entrepreneurship Engineering
   Co-op
- Crowdsourcing through Kickstarter



## **Product Overview**

**Rooted Living:** Whole food plant based snacks that are made with oats, maple syrup, nut butter, cinnamon, sea salt, vanilla, pumpkin seeds, almonds and raisins





# **Promotional Strategy**

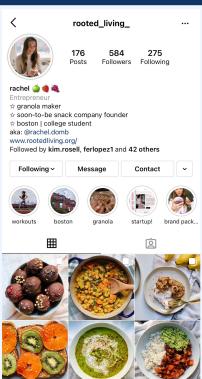
Rooted Living will be promoted through

#### Instagram

- o New business Instagram account
- Partnership with Northeastern Scout to create content for the upcoming year
  - The Collaborative
- Ads long-term strategy
- Influencer marketing
  - Influencer connections/partnerships
  - Rooted Living Ambassadors

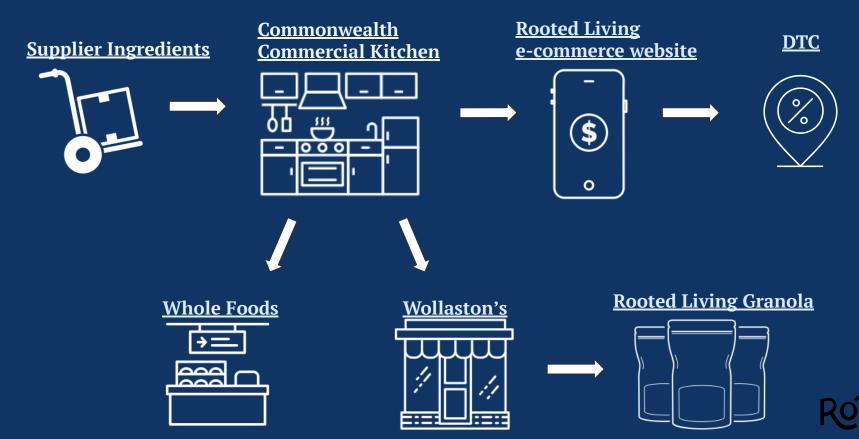


#### @rooted living





## **Distribution Process**



# **Financial Objectives**

\$3.97

To make one granola bag

\$5.50

Selling price per bag

60 bags/month

During the first year

\$1,101.60

FY annual profit goal

\$3,960

First year sales goal



### **Rooted Living Cash Budget** *Year 1 (Pre-opening 3 months)*

# Section 1: Cash Receipts

Sales Revenues

Total Cash Available

**Section 2: Cash Payments** 

Promotional/Advertising Budget Expense

**Ending Balance** 

\$365.80

\$12,500

\$802.80

\$990

\$10,462.00



# Thank you!

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