

NAMPAN BREWS GARDEN DREAM

Banesa Ybarguen, featured on TV's Undercover Boss, plans to start community planting area, center

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NAMPA — Almost two years ago Banesa Ybarguen realized what she wanted to do with her life.

She simply wanted to help others, in part to repay those who helped her and her family growing up.

It was through a research assignment as a student at the College of Western Idaho that Ybarguen, 28, Nampa, realized her passion for community-supported agriculture. Dreams of a community garden formed, but her plan didn't stop there.

"I want to have a home where people can come if they need it," the mother of two said. "... A single parent, someone recovering from addiction — a safe environment, a comfortable environment where they can get back on their feet."

She believes the garden will bring people together by providing hope. It will teach those in need how to grow and cook, which gives a sense of worthiness.

"The garden is something I believe can flourish into all these things that I want to do," she said.

But now, after an appearance on the CBS reality TV show "Undercover Boss," Ybarguen will have some additional help.

Dutch Bros. CEO Travis Boersma worked undercover at the Nampa stand this summer as a "Broista," the term the company uses for male baristas, while camera crews recorded. He met Ybarguen, a barista at the hut, and heard her story and dream of starting a community garden. At the end of the show, Boersma surprised Ybarguen with \$50,000 to start the garden and \$10,000 to spend on a vacation with her son Alaia, 4, and daughter Kirsten, 8.

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Nampa Dutch Bros. barista



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Banesa Ybarguen, a barista at the Nampa Dutch Bros. on Caldwell Boulevard, was recently awarded \$50,000 to set up a community garden in Nampa. The money came from Dutch Bros. CEO Travis Boersma, who gave Ybarguen the gift after he worked in disguise at her location for the CBS reality TV show "Undercover Boss."



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Banesa Ybarguen, a barista at Dutch Bros., right, serves coffee to Cheyenne Rogers, of Nampa, Wednesday afternoon at the Nampa Dutch Bros. on Caldwell Boulevard.

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Ybarguen had no idea, she said, and was genuinely surprised with the generous gift. She is currently researching land and strategies to execute her plan.

"Right now, it's a five-year goal," Ybarguen said.

Since the show aired Nov. 15, she said many people have offered help or assistance of some kind to start the garden — people have offered to donate equipment and land, and those who have gardens are quick to offer advice.

Instances like this remind Ybarguen that there is always good in people.

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Banesa Ybarguen said she loves working at the Nampa Dutch Bros. at 345 Caldwell Blvd.

Each employee brings a different "vibe" to the shop that provides endless positivity. She said employees hold each other accountable for in- and out-of-work responsibilities and goals.

"We go in (to work) with the mentality that we are there to create a good day for everybody else," Ybarguen said. "I'm always excited to see my customers."

She has worked at the Dutch Bros. location since it opened in Aug. 2012.

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Ybarguen hopes she can do just that with her garden.

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