

# Jacky Souders

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MyTEK Lab

## *Learn about Florida Entrepreneur Jacky Souders:*

Jacky Souders and her husband Stephen, founders of MyTEK Lab, did not set out to be entrepreneurs. They followed their passions which happened to lead them to entrepreneurship. "We essentially open up the doors to technology for the younger generation," Jacky Souders said.

"We take what they're teaching in college and we teach it so that the younger generation can learn it so they get head start in most technologies including 3D modeling, 3D printing, programming and robotics. Children from the ages of 6-17 can conceive it, print it and hold it in their hands with our tools."

MyTEK Lab is a different type of makerspace because they do not dilute the lessons for children. "We take a fundamental approach and don't obscure any technology," Souders said. "We instill in our students that if you want to built something that you have to start from scratch. Every

form of technology we use is the real world form of that technology. We use what the professionals use every day in their job."

MyTEK Lab is a blending of the Souders' professional passions. "I have a background in early child development and worked as a program director in the elementary school age range," Jacky Souders said. "My husband worked in IT for higher education and we decided to put out two backgrounds together to launch MyTEK Lab. We asked for advice from some family member entrepreneurs and then jumped into this whole world of creating your own business."

Souders advice to aspiring entrepreneurs is to be the tortoise, not the hare. "Start slow," she said. "Don't grow too fast because it can become overwhelming. Set certain goals, meet them and create additional goals. Start slower than what you want to."

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