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Ribbon Cutting at The Maker Space Studios on Friday, October 2, at 4:00pm

Avon Lake, Ohio: On Friday, October 2, at 4:00pm, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at The Maker Space Studios, Avon Lake's newest business, located at 690 Avon Belden Road, next to Salad KraZe.

The Maker Space Studios is certainly unlike any other business in Avon Lake. It's opening will come as an exciting development for home-based artists in Avon Lake and the surrounding area. "We have teamed up to open an art studio, gallery, classroom, and flex space for our community," says Lisa Bridenbaker, managing partner. "The storefront flex space can literally be used for anything from art gallery shows, pop-up temporary boutiques to birthday parties, you name it! The shop spaces or maker spaces are DIY areas of the shop that you can use for your projects or start a new project using our community equipment such as pottery wheels and kilns. Classroom spaces will be used for art classes, art demonstrations and support meetings for our community as well. We will have hourly, daily and monthly memberships."

Lisa and owner Christine Scott both grew up in Avon Lake and went to Avon Lake schools together. When Christine was thinking about opening a boutique, she met Lisa for lunch to speak about possibly selling Lisa's art in the new boutique. The organic concept of the maker spaces arose after a four-hour lunch, and one meeting later and The Maker Space Studios was born. "We are a place for people to come, get creative, try something new in a judgment free and supportive environment," says Scott. "It's more than a business it's a community. We want people to interact, meet friends and form relationships!"

But how did The Maker Space Studios find its home in Avon Lake? "We fell in love with the charm of the building and the popular location," says Bridenbaker. "We also loved the elements of the building and the unique layout. There was already an industrial shop in the back which allowed for us to design our DIY maker spaces."

The City of Avon Lake is excited to welcome The Maker Space Studios. "It has been great getting to know Lisa and Christine," says Ted Esborn, Avon Lake's Economic Development Director. "We think people are going to enjoy spending their time in the place that they have created, whether they are learning, creating, or shopping. We said in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan that we adopted last year that we want businesses that provide unique experiences for our residents. I think that over time, The Maker Space Studios will become a great example of what we had in mind."

