

# Past Lives Case Study

How Past Lives brought happiness to the barbecue enthusiast and product developer, **Adam Cook**.

## ABOUT PAST LIVES

Past Lives represents a revolutionary model of work built by an empowered community. In our 26,000 square foot facility based in Portland, we provide individuals and businesses the means to flourish through creative collaboration and shared resources.

Our business model provides employment for the formerly incarcerated by partnering with area individuals and businesses in need of contract prototyping, custom fabrication, and on-demand manufacturing services.

We extend the business or manufacturer's capacity by offering a flexible, skilled workforce to build orders just-in-time. From one-of-a-kind to one thousand parts, our process and quality controls are made to meet your standards.

Our competencies range from early stage idea development through custom prototyping in a variety of materials and methods including wood, metalwork, welding, casting, 3D-printing, electronics, textiles, and more.

*When I say Past Lives did a great job, I mean they did a really great job designing several barbecues with me and then custom fabricating the product in welded steel. So, so beautiful and functional!*

*- Adam Cook, Barbecue Enthusiast*



# Approach

Client: Adam Cook

**Expert Welding and Fabrication:** Steel-formed arched hood, custom-welded barbecue and extended surfaces, and custom steel grill tools.

**One-of-a-kind:** All steel fabrication that was hand-built and welded with forged steel parts.

**Installation and grill tests:** Our team built two barbecues for Adam to provide a super-wide grilling bed for separate food types. The drop-down front face allows access to the coal bed and eases cleaning. Extended tray surfaces offer ample space for prep and serving needs. The testing, well, the food was *delish!*

## RESULTS

We love to help individuals realize their product ideas. Adam Cook and the Past Lives team collaborated on the design and development of a wide-deck barbecue with a removable arched lid. We drew on our expertise in steel fabrication and assembly to create two standing height, mobile barbecues for Adam's backyard meals.

Once Adam had approved our design and a quarter-scale model, we began fabrication working out the details for a hinged hood and front access to the coal bed. We added outboard surfaces and hanging hooks for our custom fabricated steel grilling tools.



## CONCLUSION

Adam's pride and satisfaction with the barbecue products are evident in the frequent grilling events he hosts for family and friends. And the unique branding iron means his joyful personality is imprinted on the grilled foods!

