

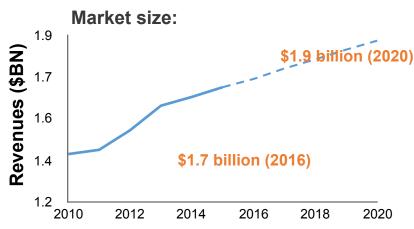
Crescent Bites: chilled ready-to-eat toddler foods

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### Busy parents can't find healthy and convenient toddler foods

### Prepared baby food industry has been changing to suit demands for healthier foods...



### **Key trends:**

- Unit prices increase, driven by <u>organic and</u> <u>complex flavors, individual servings, innovative</u> <u>packaging</u>
- A progressively busy, financially stable, and educated parent population demand products that mimic quality of homemade foods
- New brands (<u>Happy Baby</u>) outperforming traditional brands (Gerber's) – <u>"food for this</u> generation"

### ...but hasn't seen true innovation in toddler foods







 Eat adult foods, but smaller portions

Picky eating





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# We offer a retail line of nutritious ready-to-eat foods for 1- 4 year olds, helping parents feed children more fruits / veggies



Our goal: help nurture the 16MM toddlers in America and encourage them to develop healthy palates

Sample trays (piloted with 20 children)

Convenient & premium quality



Lasts for 3 months in fridge

**Nutrient-dense & balanced** 



High pressure processing preserves nutrients / vitamins

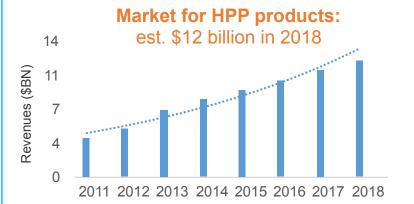
Fun for kids



Fun colors (e.g., power green mac and cheese)

# We'll be designing / patenting packaging in order to use HPP technology (food pasteurizing process) for toddler foods

# HPP (high pressure processing): gaining popularity among food manufacturers and supermarkets



### **Example HPP foods and innovative packaging**



# What is HPP (high pressure processing)? A natural method of food processing that uses cold water and up to 87,000 psi to neutralize listeria, salmonella, E.coli and other pathogens



#### What are its benefits?

- **Healthier foods:** no chemicals/preservatives
- Fresh taste: taste and flavor of real foods
- Longer shelf-life: up to 90 days, 2-3x fresh food shelf life

#### What does it cost?

\$0.20-0.30 / lb of food

We'll be the <u>first ones</u> to design / patent innovative packaging that works with toddler HPP foods & go-to-market

### To have an MVP by August 2016, we need \$14K

### Today

### Nov 2015 – Jan 2016: \$200 Market research

#### Conduct field research:

- ✓ Conducted 20 interviews with busy parents in urban centers (\$0)
- ✓ Launched 10 focus groups with Penn-affiliated parents (\$200)

### Legend:

- ✓ Completed
- **❖** To be completed

### Feb – Aug 2016: \$14K MVP development

### **Develop MVP with partners:**

- ✓ Work with Drexel nutritionists and interns for initial recipe / nutrition / portion-size development and cooking at commercial kitchen (\$2K) – confirmed, now on-going
- ✓ Sell fresh foods to Penn Children's Center for 2 months (\$1K) –sent initial proposal, to be confirmed by end of Feb
- Work with Cornell Food scientists for HPP food safety testing (\$3K)
- Co-design innovative HPP food packaging with 3<sup>rd</sup> party packager (\$5K)
- Test small batches of HPP products at Hiperbaric's Center of Excellence (HPP equipment manufacturer): ~30 units of HPP foods for 1 week (\$3K)

### Drexel







### Sept – Dec 2016: \$6K Initial sales

### Finalize initial product offerings

Finish approvals for food regulatory agencies (\$500)

### Small batch manufacture and HPP foods:

- Partner with Rutgers
   Food Innovation Center
   to craft 1K units (\$5K)
- Contract with HPP 3<sup>rd</sup> party tolling facilities for processing (\$500)
- Sell to bodegas / specialty stores / ecommerce (\$0)



# With experience in food & beverage, start-up, and technology, our team and partners have the critical skills to execute

Emily Tung
Sales / Marketing



### **Experience:**

 Vertical Farming technology expert





#### **Education:**

- Univ. of Pennsylvania -Wharton School & Lauder Institute, MBA/MA
- UC Berkeley, B.S in Business Administration

Yue Li Sales / Operations



### **Experience:**

 Hutong NYC (catering), Cofounder/Chef

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#### **Education:**

- Univ. of Pennsylvania -Wharton School & Lauder Institute, MBA/MA
- MIT, B.S. in Mechanical Engineering

### Partners & Recent accomplishments

Drexel team of Registered Dieticians & Food Laboratory



Initial funding, tech incubator, 2 pilot clients



WEISS 

TECH HOUSE

Entrepreneurship Innovation Fund

#### **Business competition finalists**

SBA InnovateHER 2016
Innovating for Women Business





### The HPP technology allows us to scale while offering minimally processed foods

### **Examples**

### Sample products / brands

### Why we're better

Less processed: 90 davs

vs. ~2 year expiration

### **Bought in** store

- Non-frozen: Lunchables, Uncrustables, mini bowls of pasta, etc
- Frozen: chicken nuggets, pizza bagels





#### More nutritious: no preservatives and synthetic vitamins

### **Bought** through 3<sup>rd</sup> party

Competitiors

- Made at daycare: Chef's meal (CACFP federally funded) or mixed fresh and processed (provider's choice)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party daycare catering or online orders: fresh / balanced meal





Catering: \$7

Childcare: \$5

On-demand online: \$6

### Made at home

- Leftover adult dinner
- Pastas and rice with chopped chicken and veggies
- Sandwiches



#### More scalable:

- Catering and daycares are place-specific
- Fresh foods spoil weekly

- Convenient and quick: supermarket aisle
- Complementary to homemade meals: easy to add variety / rotation to child's diet