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Holiday spirit: Our startup and VC community is once again joining forces to collectively support families who are in need. [This year, we are organizing a relief drive to support students of Ann Arbor and Detroit Public Schools.](#)

- **1 in 5** AAPS students are impacted by poverty
- From 2017-2018, between **7,000 - 14,000** school-aged children were estimated to be homeless in Detroit

To support these families, the school districts are accepting [gift cards](#).

**Gift cards** in quantities of \$25 or more from Meijer, Target, Amazon, Walmart or Kroger are most appreciated.

**If you would like to participate in donating a gift card, the drop-off is at the Cahoots Cafe, 206 E. Huron Street, through December 10th.** The first 100 people to donate will receive a free drip coffee! Normal drop-off hours are Mon-Sat from 8am - 3pm.

If you would like to make your donation directly to the schools, you can find more information on how to do so here:

- [Ann Arbor Public School Donations](#)
- [Detroit Public School Donations](#)

Questions? Contact us at: [community@a2ef.org](mailto:community@a2ef.org)

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### **Have winter clothing that you don't need?**

For those of you who have winter coats that you may like to donate, Cahoots is hosting a coat drive for [House by the Side of the Road](#). This local nonprofit serves those who have limited funds as well as those reentering society from prison, people with mental health issues, recent immigrants, migrant workers and more. They are currently in need of kids, mens and plus size coats as well as winter hats and gloves.

Bring donations to Cahoots at 206 E. Huron St. and look for the box by the holiday tree. **Donations will be accepted until December 16th.**



- Detroit [startups to watch](#)
- [Ann Arbor startups to watch](#)
- Construction tech startup [Rivet closes \\$2 million funding round](#)
- [StockX acquires Scout](#)
- [Crain's 40 under 40](#) includes tech leaders and VCs
- [100 most influential](#) women in Michigan



**Save the Date:**

**January 13th**

**Our First Founder Event of 2022!**

**[RSVP early here](#)**

\*space will be limited

*Let's start the new year with new connections! We will be hosting a special Founder event on Thursday, January 13th downtown at Cahoots. This will be a unique experience designed to help startup leaders get to know each of their fellow guests in a fun and casual setting. If you would like to reserve your spot, [RSVP here](#). More details will be shared in the coming weeks!*

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**From Seed to Scale: Exploring the Fundraising Journey**  
**November 30th from 1 - 2pm (virtual)**

What does it take to go from raising a seed round to a series C+ growth round? What are the milestones venture capitalists are expecting founders to hit along the way?

Join Ford's Michigan Central team, Bamboo Detroit, and seasoned panelists from ID Ventures; Fontinalis Partners, and ClearCover in discussing how startups can go from raising their seed rounds all the way up to \$100MM+

rounds, funding and growing the next generation of mobility companies. This virtual discussion is ideal for any founder going through their own fundraising journey." [RSVP](#)



## RESOURCE ROUNDUP

- [Native American owned businesses](#) in metro Detroit and Ann Arbor that you can support

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