



eNews: June 2022

In this issue:

MFF 2022 Founders Retreat - due to request, applications re-open *today through Friday*

Founder happy hour 🍷 with Cahoots this Thursday, June 9th

Roundtable discussion on taking early startup funding with David Corcoran of Censys

Remora raises \$5.5 Million and begins production this summer 🏭

SkySpecs and CertifID close multi-million dollar funding rounds

2022 Desai Accelerator Cohort

Deadline extended for Black Ambition Prize for startups 💰

👉 Techni/Color/ Conference in Grand Rapids June 16 - 19

Remote workers boomerang back to Michigan

Learn more about Detroit-based Ruth Ellis Center's work for LGBTQ+

PRIDE 🌈 events happening across the state

Juneteenth Celebrations from Lansing to Detroit



- Remora, a startup pioneering CO2 capture from the trucking industry, raised a \$5.5 Million seed round and [begins production in Wixom factory this summer](#)
- CertifID in Grand Rapids closes [\\$12.5 Million Series A](#)
- [SkySpecs raises \\$80 Million](#) led by Goldman Sachs
- [Remote tech workers](#) return to Michigan

- Learn about the [2022 Desai Accelerator Cohort](#)
- [Michigan Rise Pre-Seed Fund III](#) makes 50th startup investment



Ruth Ellis Center

Founded in 1999, Ruth Ellis Center (REC) has established a national reputation for quality and innovation in providing trauma-informed services for lesbian, gay, bi-attractional, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ+) youth, and young adults, with an emphasis on young people of color, experiencing homelessness, involved in the child welfare system, and/or experiencing barriers to health and wellbeing.

The center provides a growing number of services and programs, that support the LGBTQ+ youth and young adult community; from outreach and safety-net services, to skill-building workshops and HIV prevention programs.



Learn more: ruthelliscenter.org



APPLY for the 2022 MFF Founders Retreat

Due to request, we will re-open the Founders Retreat application today through this Friday, June 9 only. If you are interested in being part of the 2022 cohort - [click here](#) to learn more about the program, eligibility and to apply. **Deadline: June 9**

June 9: **MFF Happy Hour with Cahoots** - Join us at cahoots for food, drinks, and conversation with founders, VCs, and startup leaders in the Ann Arbor region. [Learn more and RSVP here](#)

June 15: **MFF Founder Roundtable about Early Funding** *with David Corcoran, Co-founder of Censys.* This virtual session will focus on taking (or not taking) startup investment, including the challenges, opportunities, and decision points to should consider. [RSVP here](#)

June 16 - Juneteenth: [The first Techni/Color/ Conference](#) takes place in Grand Rapids celebrating diversity in Midwest technology

June 21: [A2NewTech Monthly Pitch Night](#)



RESOURCE ROUNDUP

- Black and Latinx entrepreneurs - [Apply for up to \\$1M](#) through the Black Ambition Prize
- [Nominate a notable LGBTQ leader in business](#). **Applications due July 15**
- [PRIDE events](#) happening throughout the state all month long!
- [Lansing Juneteenth Celebration](#) June 16 - 18 (parade on 18th)
- [Ypsilanti Juneteenth Celebration](#) with events June 17 - 18
- [Juneteenth Jubilee Weekend](#) in-person/virtual at The Wright Museum
- New [National Hotline for Mental Health \(988\)](#) launches July 16th

The **Michigan Founders Fund (MFF)** is a vibrant hub for peer learning and networking that enables local entrepreneurs to turn business success into positive community impact.

Interested in becoming a member? Please contact us at community@michiganfoundersfund.org.



Michigan Founders Fund, 455 E. Eisenhower Pkway, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108

[Unsubscribe](#) [Manage preferences](#)