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## **MCWT Foundation Enjoys 13 Percent Sponsorship Growth in 2016**

**DEARBORN, April 25, 2016** – Nine companies recently joined the Michigan Council of Women in Technology Foundation’s partnership roster to help the nonprofit make Michigan the No. 1 state for women in IT. Together they are strengthening the region, and their own businesses, through programs tailored to inspire and grow women in the technology field.

“This might be a recent record for the number of new partners in 90 days,” said Cindy Warner, MCWT president. “News of MCWT Foundation’s good work continues to spread as IT plays a leading role in growing Michigan’s economy.”

These new MCWT sponsors include Gordon Food Services, Okta, SIM, Spectrum Health, TD Ameritrade, Grand Circus, E7 Solutions, RSA and Red Level Networks. They join 68 others that comprise a “who’s who” list of organizations building a more vibrant and innovative Michigan economy, and increasing the skilled talent pool for the future.

“At MCWT, we have always enjoyed strong, loyal partnerships with many major companies like FCA US LLC, GM and Ford, not to mention an extensive group of technology providers, universities, healthcare organizations, consulting firms, workforce development companies, and banks,” said Carey Pachla, MCWT vice president. “These companies see engagement with us as one component to strengthen their business. They also see the value of professional development, networking and volunteer opportunities for their staff.”

This 14-year-old nonprofit, powered by an active core of dedicated volunteers and 700-plus members, provides support to women at all stages in their lives. From [Camp Infinity](#) summer technology camps to after school [GET-IT](#) clubs, to [website design competitions](#) and [scholarships](#), MCWT is helping equip the next generation of girls with the tools and experience to help them succeed and drive the state’s economy forward more rapidly.

For mid-career women, MCWT hosts monthly educational [events](#) and networking opportunities; [online learning](#) via Lynda.com and WebEx; and a formal mid-career [mentoring](#) program to help those re-entering the workforce, making a career change, or needing guidance to get to the next rung on their career ladder. The organization unites a network of stakeholders—teachers, parents, students, businesses, professionals and retirees—committed to seeing the state’s IT community thrive.

On May 12, the organization will host the [Executive Connection Summit](#) in Detroit. GM Chairman and CEO Mary Barra will keynote, and nine IT executives will discuss thriving on disruptive technology. [Registration](#) is open on the MCWT site.

“Diversity provides an edge that helps fuel a company’s competitiveness and success,” said Warner. “These 77 companies that are part of MCWT’s network get that.”

Visit [mcwt.org](#) to learn more about MCWT Foundation’s cause, its programs for women and girls interested in technology, and how to become a [member](#) or [partner](#).

The Michigan Council of Women in Technology Foundation strives to inspire and grow women in technology fields, aspiring to make Michigan the No. 1 state for women in technology. The organization supports Michigan’s female IT workforce, students, corporate partners, schools and the overall community with programming, scholarships, networking, learning, mentoring, and technology experiences. Find more information at [www.mcwt.org](#) and connect via [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#).

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