



Michigan Celebrates  
Small Business

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## **18th Annual Michigan Celebrates Small Business Event Announces Award Recipients**

Lansing, MI, March 17, 2022— After receiving over 550 nomination submissions, 90 small businesses from every corner of Michigan have been selected as recipients for the 18th annual Michigan Celebrates Small Business Gala.

Success is best when shared, and on May 3, 2022, over 800 guests will gather in-person at the Breslin Center in East Lansing, Michigan to celebrate the achievements of this year's award recipients. Award categories include:

- Michigan 50 Companies to Watch Award
- Best Small Business Award
- Distinguished Alumni Award
- Veteran Owned Small Business of the Year Award

The full list of award recipients can be found at [MichiganCelebrates.org](http://MichiganCelebrates.org).

The gala launched in 2005 and has become Michigan's awards program for small businesses. There have been over 1,000 companies honored at MCSB over the past 18 years, which includes 900 second-stage companies recognized by a Michigan 50 Companies to Watch Award.

“Our grandparents started our business with values and work ethic that has fought through two pandemics and all points in between,” said Nancy Rehmann, owner of Ed Rehmann's, a 2022 award recipient. “This award is an inspiration to our team and our community. We are hopeful that this recognition will help us to continue to provide economic benefits to our small town by attracting visitors from around the state with the same kind of quality, service, and dependability our customers have relied on since 1919.”

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COVID-19 has led to a tumultuous landscape for business owners, but over the last two years, small businesses have learned to become nimble and innovative in order to accomplish their goals. The 2022 awards gala will put Michigan's small businesses in the spotlight and give them a chance to share their success stories with the supporters who helped them get to where they are today.

The six Founding Partners created an annual awards gala to recognize small business and second-stage companies. The founding organizations of Michigan Celebrates are as follows:

- Edward Lowe Foundation
- Michigan Business Network
- Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)
- Michigan Small Business Development Center (SBDC)
- Small Business Association of Michigan (SBAM)
- U.S. Small Business Administration – Michigan District Office

Additional information and ticket information can be found at [MichiganCelebrates.org](https://MichiganCelebrates.org).

#### About Michigan Celebrates Small Business

*Michigan Celebrates Small Business is a collaboration of trusted statewide founding organizations that offer resources for small businesses. Since 2005, their awards gala has celebrated how small businesses positively impact our communities and state. MCSB is focused on supporting, connecting and celebrating small businesses in Michigan.*

*Michigan Celebrates Small Business was founded by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Small Business Association of Michigan, U.S. Small Business Administration - Michigan, Edward Lowe Foundation, Michigan Business Network, and Michigan Small Business Development Center.*

*Kinexus Group is the managing partner of gala.*

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