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Ford Motor Company to Host 9th Annual MCWT Signature Gala

DETROIT, Oct. 20, 2014 – [Ford Motor Company](#) will host the [Michigan Council of Women in Technology's](#) ninth annual black-tie Signature Gala on Nov. 8. Event proceeds will benefit MCWT in its mission to inspire and grow women in technology.

More than 40 companies are supporting the gala, including Diamond sponsors [AT&T](#) and [Cisco](#), and Emerald sponsor [Netlink](#). The event, typically drawing 500 people, will take place at the Dearborn Inn in Dearborn, complete with a cocktail reception, dinner, silent and live auctions, and entertainment. The evening offers opportunities to network with professionals dedicated to seeing Michigan's IT industry thrive.

"MCWT is seizing the moment to create a stronger impact in our state," said MCWT President Maru Flores. "As demand for IT workers continues to rise, we are honing in on the most effective and compelling ways to inspire women to make their mark in this dynamic industry. Our efforts are fueled by the many partners who support us at Gala and contribute to MCWT programs throughout the year."

MCWT's vision is to make Michigan the No. 1 state for women in technology. The organization's strategy is to broadly reach young girls to get them to consider technology and deeply connect with young women who choose the IT path—with the continued strong support of its 65 partners and 700 members.

In the last year, MCWT has strengthened its mid-Michigan presence, grew its K-12 outreach, and drew 500 professionals to the IT Executive Connection Summit to hear female IT leaders discuss technology trends and opportunities. Read more about its accomplishments in its [annual report](#).

Companies and individuals are welcome to donate an item for the gala's silent auction or sponsor a table by contacting partnership@mcwt.org. Registration available at www.mcwt.org.

About MCWT

The Michigan Council of Women in Technology strives to inspire and grow women in technology fields, with an aspirational vision 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 networking, learning, mentoring, and technology experiences for professionals and students. Its non-profit Foundation provides programs and funds supporting the education and orientation of young women throughout school and fostering women in various stages of their professional lives. Find more information at www.mcwt.org and connect via [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and www.mcwtblog.org.

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