



GROWTH SERIES 2026

The PITCH - Join Growth Series graduates as they present bold business goals to partners, mentors, sponsors, investors, and the broader community.



The PITCH Event Details

- Wednesday, December 2, 2026
- Lake Michigan College South Haven
- 124 Veterans Blvd., South Haven
- Expected attendance 125+

Agenda

- 5-5:45 p.m. - Meet the PITCHers
- 5:45 p.m. - Doors Open to the Public
- 6-8 p.m. Program The PITCH
- 8-9 p.m. Keystone Reception/Chat with PITCHers

The PITCH 2026 spotlights Growth Series graduates as they present bold business goals that will shape the future of our regional economy to partners, mentors, sponsors, investors, and the broader community.

Now in its **fourth year**, The PITCH has become a catalyst for growth-stage businesses, expanding access to capital and driving lasting economic impact across the region.

Sponsors are recognized not simply as event supporters, but as leaders investing in the region's economic future. Your support helps growth-stage companies access capital, expand operations, and create jobs.



"The Growth Series showed me that being too cautious and conservative can be a detriment to your business. Sometimes you have to take a leap of faith in order to advance and expand."

— Lisa Miller, Forever Clean Soap Works, Inc.



"The impact of this work is tangible. The seven companies who participated in the 2025 series represent a vital segment of our local economy, employing an average of 3.5 people each. By supporting these local jobs and the families they represent, you directly contribute to the stability and continued prosperity of our entire region."

—Elizabeth Bernhard, Executive Director, South Haven Regional Business Hub.



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We invite you to take a partnership role in the growth of our region.

Levels of Support

Groundwork Sponsor | \$250

For founders, individuals, and community champions who believe in strengthening the foundation for small business growth in our region.

Benefits:

- Name listed on the PITCH registration page
- Recognition on the event sponsor slideshow
- One (1) invitation to the private Meet the PITCHers session with Growth Series participants and Hub leadership

In-kind sponsors also receive Groundwork benefits.

Pillar Sponsor | \$500

For local businesses and community leaders who are the backbone of a strong and connected small business community.

Includes all Groundwork benefits, plus:

- Logo included in the Hub's monthly newsletter and event email promotions
- Recognition in a collective "Community Pillars" social media feature
- Two (2) invitations to the private Meet the PITCHers session

"Being part of the Growth Series was a game-changer for Precision Syrups. I gained so many valuable business skills that felt like I was getting an MBA crash course." — Tiffany Wood, Precision Syrups

Framework Sponsor | \$1,250

For professional service firms, community leaders, and growth-oriented businesses helping build the structure and support systems that enable companies to scale.

Includes all Pillar benefits, plus:

- Dedicated "Partner Spotlight" slide during the event
- Opportunity to include branded materials in the welcome area
- Featured social media post highlighting your organization's support
- Four (4) invitations to the private Meet the PITCHers session

Keystone Sponsor | \$3,500

For established organizations and community leaders investing in a vibrant small business culture and the systems that sustain it throughout our region.

Includes all Framework benefits, plus:

- Recognition as a Keystone Reception Sponsor(s)
- Podium acknowledgment during the main stage program
- Priority logo placement (larger than other tiers) on event slide
- Opportunity to host a branded table in the reception area
- Six (6) invitations to the private Meet the PITCHers session

Founding Vision Partner | \$7,500 (Exclusive)

An exclusive partnership for an organization or individual shaping the future of our regional economy through bold investment in entrepreneurship, small business growth, and the systems that power long-term prosperity.

Includes all Keystone benefits, plus:

- Naming Rights: "The PITCH 2026 by [Your Company Name]"
- Premium Brand Integration: Primary naming and logo across digital assets, event branding, stage screens, and media releases.
- Executive Platform: Two-minute opening remarks during the program and eight (8) invitations to the private Meet the PITCHers.
- Strategic Leadership: Annual private strategy meeting with Hub leadership and first right of renewal for 2027.

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