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Meridian and Grand Circus Team Up to Provide Coding Bootcamp to Detroit Residents

DETROIT February 20, 2018 – Meridian is teaming up with Grand Circus to provide an opportunity to join Meridian’s IT team as an entry-level software developer. Grand Circus will be hosting a 10-week coding bootcamp for Detroit residents, and accepted students will receive a scholarship for the full-time program from Detroit at Work. Upon completion of the bootcamp, Meridian plans to hire a minimum of five participants subject to successful graduation and in-person interview.

"By 2020, there will be 1 million unfilled computer-programming positions across the country. To meet this demand will take new and ambitious approaches to talent development," said Damien Rocchi, CEO of Grand Circus. "This partnership between Grand Circus and Meridian, now in its second year, is a great example of the workforce programs needed."

Made possible in partnership with Detroit at Work, this program is open to Detroit residents excited about earning a career in tech. Grand Circus coding bootcamps provide both the technical and soft skills students need to be successful day-one on the job. Accepted students will be trained in the language of C# .NET, a back-end programming language used by some of tech’s leading brands.

The first Meridian Bootcamp Powered by Grand Circus took place in June of 2017 and hired six developers to the Meridian IT team.

"The Meridian Bootcamp Powered by Grand Circus changed my life because it taught me to not let the fact that I was the only girl in the room make me feel like I don’t belong," said Naomi Black, Jr. Software Engineer, Meridian. "The bootcamp made me realize that I was not only capable of learning the work, but that I was adding value to the company by doing so."

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About Meridian

Meridian is a family-owned, family-operated group of health plans with offices in Michigan and Illinois. Meridian’s affiliates include MeridianHealth (Medicaid), MeridianCare (Medicare), MeridianChoice (Health Insurance Marketplace), and MeridianRx, a Pharmacy Benefit Management company. Meridian serves more than 850,000 members in five states. For more information, visit www.mhplan.com.

About Grand Circus

Grand Circus believes everyone should have access to a tech career. With campuses in Detroit and Grand Rapids, Grand Circus has trained more than 1,000 software developers. Graduates of the company’s coding bootcamps work at more than 170 companies throughout the state. Its innovative 12-week coding bootcamps provide students with the technical and soft skills employers need to effectively grow their businesses. For more information, visit <http://www.grandcircus.co>.