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## EZ Health Takes Top Prize at TechLaunch BullPen #22

Cause-Related Startups Set the Tone at NJ's Preeminent Pitch Competition

**W. Orange, NJ, September 30, 2021:** Last night's <u>TechLaunch</u> BullPen #22 proved overwhelmingly that it takes more than energy and ambition to make a successful entrepreneur. It also takes Heart. In a trio of aspiring startups participating in the Shark Tank-like event (a hallmark of BullPen), a common denominator revealed itself as a commitment to some disenfranchised segment of society. That shared value proposition made the judging even tougher.

The presenting company to win the prized Investor Award was **EZ Health**, a first of its kind health tech platform which makes healthcare easy and accessible for non-English speaking patients. EZ Health connects patients with doctors who speak their native language, enabling them to conduct video visits with the doctors within their platform.

EZ Health Founder & CEO, Etizaz Shah, commenting on his success, said, "The best part of participating in BullPen #22 was the Mentorship program before the pitch and, specifically, the help we got from our Mentor, <u>Perri Richman</u>. BullPen will significantly help us in enhancing our network of investors and mentors."

EZ Health gets \$15K in professional services from TechLaunch's event partners (listed below). It also guarantees a pair of pitching slots at upcoming meetings of <u>Jumpstart NJ Angel Network</u> (the State's preeminent early-stage Angel investor group) and the VC investment group <u>Tech</u> Council Ventures.

Last evening's intriguing roster of BullPen Presenters also included:

<u>Stereotheque</u> - a collaboration tool for creatives that connects businesses with on-demand, remote, creative teams at a fraction of the cost and time. Their platform includes everything one needs to manage multiple projects and deliverables, collaborators and seamless payments.

Presented by Tomas Uribe, Co-Founder & CEO; Mentored by <u>Ratan Agarwal</u>.

**IRONBOUND Media** - a podcast production studio & independent network that helps veteranowned businesses engage their perfect customer through "*Dog Whistle Branding.*" They accomplish this by helping veteran-owned businesses create, distribute, and grow branded podcast series. Presented by Mike Steadman, Founder & CEO; Mentored by Peter Kestenbaum.



From L to R: TechLaunch Founder/Managing Director Mario Casabona; TL Sr. Mentor & Producer Eric Korb; Ironbound Media's Michael Steadman; Panelist Seth Tropper; Panelist Judith Sheft; TL Sr. Mentor & Host Robin Bear; Panelist Sandy Wollman; Panelist Kiyana Glass-Miller; Stereotheque's Tomas Uribe; EZ Health's Etizaz Shah

TechLaunch Founder & Managing Director, Mario Casabona, commented, "Our vetting process continues to attract strong contenders vying for the esteemed Investor prize at BullPen. We're gratified to also observe an emerging cause-related passion among NJ-based entrepreneurs seeking out the wise counsel of our seasoned stable of Mentors. My thanks to all!"



Judith Sheft - Executive Director of Commission on Science, Innovation and

Technology



Sandford (Sandy) Wollman - Entrepreneur & Angel Investor; Co-Founder & Managing Director of Westchester Angels

<u>Kiyana Glass-Miller</u> - IT Professional & Angel Investor; Information Business Services Delivery Lead at Mondelez. Investor in Black & Latinx Angel Fund

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Seth Tropper - Entrepreneur & Innovator; Head of Strategy & Partnerships, Healthcare Personalization at HP

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Gibbons Law; Withum; Gearhart Law; and Casabona Ventures

Tech Startups who would like to pitch at the next BullPen #23, slated for Feb. 9 2022, should APPLY to be considered. Applications are screened on a rolling basis.

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