



Dear Stephen:

I am pleased to [announce](#) that Charles Thomas will become program director for Charlotte at Knight Foundation on Feb. 22.

An experienced social entrepreneur and civic innovator, Charles will work with local leaders and other community members to find and invest in opportunities that build on the city's vibrancy and make it a place where talent and opportunity thrive.

Since 2011, Charles has served as founding executive director of Queen City Forward, a hub for entrepreneurs who have business ideas that address social needs. He was responsible for launching the organization and building programs to advance and support social entrepreneurship, college entrepreneurship and civic innovation. Queen City Forward has served over 70 entrepreneurs creating solutions to some of Charlotte's greatest challenges in health and wellness, education, workforce development, green energy solutions and technology.



Charles is passionate about Charlotte and contributing to its growth and is active in the city's civic and community organizations, including the board of trustees of The Charlotte Mecklenburg Public Library and the board of the East Mecklenburg High School Foundation. He is an active member of the New Generation of African American Philanthropy. He and his wife, Micaila Milburn live in Charlotte with their three sons.

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