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Queen City Forward is pleased to announce founding Executive Director Charles Thomas has accepted a position as Charlotte Program Director for the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

Message from board chair, Shay Prosser:

On behalf of the Queen City Forward board of directors, we congratulate Charles Thomas on his next chapter at the Knight Foundation (starting in February). We are thrilled for Charles and his family, and thank him for all he has done to make QCF the strong organization it has become.

The search for a new leader will commence after we go through a strategic discovery process in partnership with the QCF advisory board. In the meantime, QCF welcomes Kristina Burke (Seismic Partners) to provide support and assist the staff as part of our transition plan.

QCF is a remarkable sum of all its parts. Thanks to your support and energy, QCF is well-poised to expand its role as an economic development advocacy group for entrepreneurs in the Charlotte area.

What can you do? [Join the celebration.](#)

Queen City Forward 4th anniversary Open House honoring Charles Thomas

Thursday, Feb. 4

5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

809 West Hill Street, Charlotte, NC 28208

[RSVP here!](#)

Be part of our forward. Donate to QCF's Annual Campaign before Friday, Feb. 5. **[Click here to give.](#)**

Team QCF

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Queen City Forward provides a hub for entrepreneurs who have business ideas that address social needs and work to balance a triple-bottom-line of people, planet and profit. We encourage, enable and scale these social enterprises to build a robust cluster of innovation in the Charlotte region, helping to create our ideal economy.

Our Mission is to unleash the potential of high-growth, high-impact social entrepreneurs in Charlotte to create sustained economic and social impact that spurs economic development, improves the lives of citizens, and drives a new model of sustainable growth.

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