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In it together: resources and news around COVID-19

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Dear Sarah,

In these trying times, Knight Foundation remains committed to Charlotte-Mecklenburg residents. We're dedicating this issue of our newsletter to highlight resources and innovations in response to COVID-19.

The United Way and The Foundation For The Carolinas have launched the COVID-19 Response Fund. In partnership with Mecklenburg County, the City of Charlotte, corporations, houses of faith, foundations and individual donors, the fund will support organizations that serve the needs of impacted Mecklenburg County residents. There will be an emphasis on the most vulnerable populations. [Click here](#) to apply, and [click here](#) to donate.

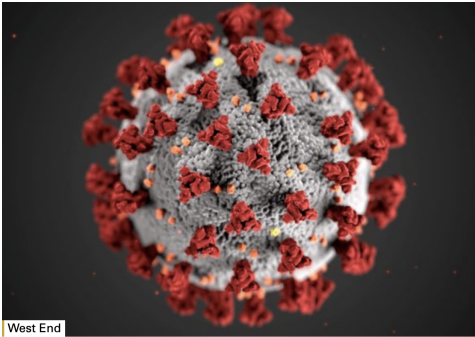
The Arts & Science Council has launched the [Mecklenburg Creatives Resiliency Fund](#) to support artists and performers living in Charlotte-Mecklenburg that have been financially impacted by COVID-19. [Click here](#) to donate and [click here](#) to apply. A full listing of the COVID-19 Resources for Artists and Organizations can be found [here](#).

LISC launched the [Verizon Small Business Recovery Fund](#). Thanks to a [\\$2.5 million investment from Verizon](#), LISC is offering grants to help small businesses fill urgent financial gaps until they can resume normal operations or until other more permanent financing becomes available. Charlotte small businesses can [apply here](#) for the next round of funding.

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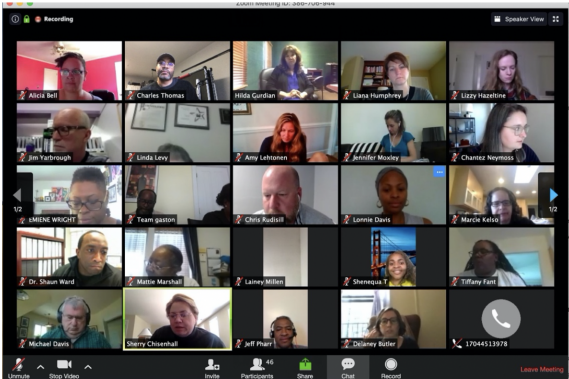
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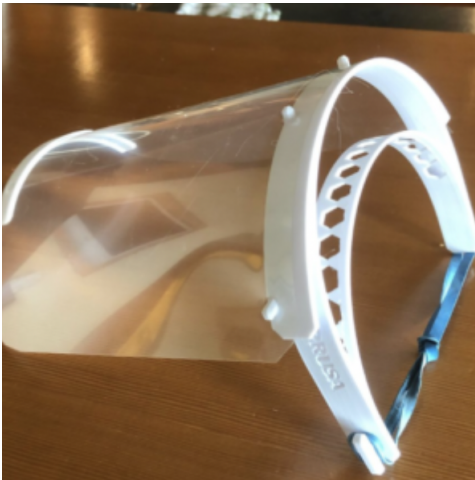
West End
Westside resources for those needing help during COVID-19 pandemic

West Side Connect has compiled a list of organizations based or operating in the West End that are providing assistance.
By Ocilymetro Staff | March 20, 2020

We're excited to announce the launch of QCMetro's West Side Connect. QCMetro is leading an effort to foster community-based journalism in Historic West End. Read their [latest issue](#) on how COVID-19 is impacting the area.



The [Charlotte Journalism Collaborative](#) recently held a virtual town hall in English and Spanish to learn what information residents need during these uncertain times. Join future conversations and share your informational needs by [clicking here](#).



Librarians are **printing masks** from their homes! [Charlotte-Mecklenburg Library](#) is 3D-printing protective equipment for healthcare workers, in partnership with Atrium

Health and Charlotte’s makers community. Learn more about this critical innovation on [their blog](#) and from [this WCNC 36 report](#).

Additional Resources

Knight's [COVID-19 resources page](#) has a list of reliable national resources and webinars with information on relief programs.

We encourage you to stay connected via our newsletter to learn of upcoming opportunities to submit your ideas, find ways to collaborate and ignite positive change in Charlotte. Make sure to invite your friends and colleagues to sign up for this monthly email! They can [register here](#).

Best,

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