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### Partnerships, Persistence, Podcasts, and more!

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Last month, we were THRILLED to announce two amazing gifts from the Albemarle Foundation and Andrea and Sean Smith! The Albemarle Foundation's [\\$1 million commitment](#) to CYC will allow us to expand our services to ensure more under-resourced students in CLT have what they need to enter, excel in, and graduate from college for years to come.

We also unveiled the launch of the Smith Opportunity Scholarship Fund, endowed by Andrea and Sean Smith, which will provide “gap scholarships” to CYC Fellows planning to attend a four-year university. In combination with CYC’s college prep programming, the SOS award will provide Fellows a transformational chance for youth to persist through college unburdened with crippling debt. Twelve Fellows in the Class of '20/'24 received the scholarship this past summer (pictured above).

CYC is incredibly grateful for their generosity and commitment to expanding opportunity for Charlotte youth!

[View the video feature on WSOC-TV 9.](#)

[View article in Q City Metro.](#)

[Learn more about the SOS Fund.](#)

## MAKING A STATEMENT

**'DREAM BIG DREAMS...  
DON'T THINK ANYTHING  
IS UNATTAINABLE'**

Special Guest Fred Whitfield, President, Vice Chairman, Alternate Governor & Minority Owner, Charlotte Hornets

**PERSONAL STATEMENT**

CAROLINA YOUTH COALITION PODCAST

This Fall, CYC launched its Fellow-led live podcast, *Personal Statement*, which examines the personal and professional journeys of influential leaders while highlighting their impact on the community. Charlotte Hornets President Fred Whitfield joined in on the special announcement last month by lending his voice to local media on behalf of CYC and joining *Personal Statement* as a special guest to share the big news with CYC Fellows. Mr. Whitfield also discussed his path to becoming an NBA executive, his relationship with Michael Jordan, growing up in Greensboro, the passion behind his HoopTee Foundation, and the importance of the Hornets' *Swarm the Polls* voting initiative. You can read more about Fred's visit [here](#) and listen to the episode below!

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## JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY



## CONVERSATION



CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION... CAROLINA YOUTH COALITION

# EMPATHY:

A PATH TOWARD PROGRESS  
A Community conversation inspired by [On the Table | CLT](#)

AWARENESS → EMPATHY → HEARTS & MINDS CHANGE →  
ACTIONS/BEHAVIOR CHANGE

OCTOBER 29, 2020 | 5:00 - 6:15 P.M.

Let's keep the conversation going! Join the CYC Family on October 29th for a dynamic community dialogue, inspired by [On the Table CLT](#), where we'll discuss the current political/social climate and how we can leverage empathy and understanding to enact change. We hope to attract a diverse range of participants that will be lead in conversation by CYC Fellows! Please come ready to share, listen, and learn!

## [RSVP](#) JOHN M. BELK IMPACT FELLOW



Ruth Kalume, a CYC College Fellow and sophomore at UNC Greensboro, was recently selected as a John M. Belk Impact Fellow!

The program is a training ground for future generations of social impact leaders as they gain exposure to the inner workings of organizations playing a variety of critical roles across North Carolina's education landscape.

Ruth will be completing her fellowship with the Hunt Institute, an affiliate of the Duke University Sanford School of Public Policy.

## PARTNER PROFILES

# Honeywell



**“With the donated goods, I had one less thing to worry about and was able to pour all of me energy into my academics!”** – Bethlehem Seyoum, New York University (pictured above picking up her Dorm Room Drive items before heading to campus)

As the first in their families to attend college, moving away to campus can be an exciting and anxious time for our College Fellows, especially as they navigate the uncertainty of the current pandemic. We would like to send a huge THANK YOU to the employees at Honeywell who stepped up to contribute nearly \$1,000 in dorm room and sanitation supplies to ensure our College Fellows heading to campus this Fall were ready for a strong, and safe, start to this semester!



**CYC was proud to partner with Thrive Global Project in August for the Ready to Thrive Summit!** 31 CYC Fellows in the Class of '20/'24 prepared for their freshman year of college by participating in virtual workshops on personal finance and budgeting, time management and goal setting, and making the most during the first days on campus. Each Fellow received a \$500 scholarship from Thrive Global Project! Shown above are CYC College Fellow Ce'vion Barber and Thrive Global Project Executive Director Grace Moyd!



We are excited to welcome **Consolidated Planning to the #DreamTeam!** They are hosting three high school senior Fellows this school year as interns in a unique immersion experience designed to expose them to the ins and outs of financial planning. Thanks, CP!

A partnership to support Charlotte-Mecklenburg community members impacted by coronavirus.

COVID-19 Response Fund

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CYC would like to thank United Way, Foundation for the Carolinas, and all of the business and community members who have contributed to the CharMeck COVID-19 Response Fund. Through a grant received through the fund, CYC has been able to provide emergency assistance to CYC families impacted by COVID-19 and distribute micro-grants to our College Fellows who were in need of laptops, transportation to and from campus, and other educational expenses.

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