

CCT Welcomes Patrick Diamond as Interim Development Director



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Center for Women Update: Residents Vaccinated, Ready to Work, Preparing for Reentry



More than a year after the pandemic hit, the residents serving out the final years of their sentences through our [Center of Women](#) program are finally seeing the light at the end of the dark COVID tunnel.

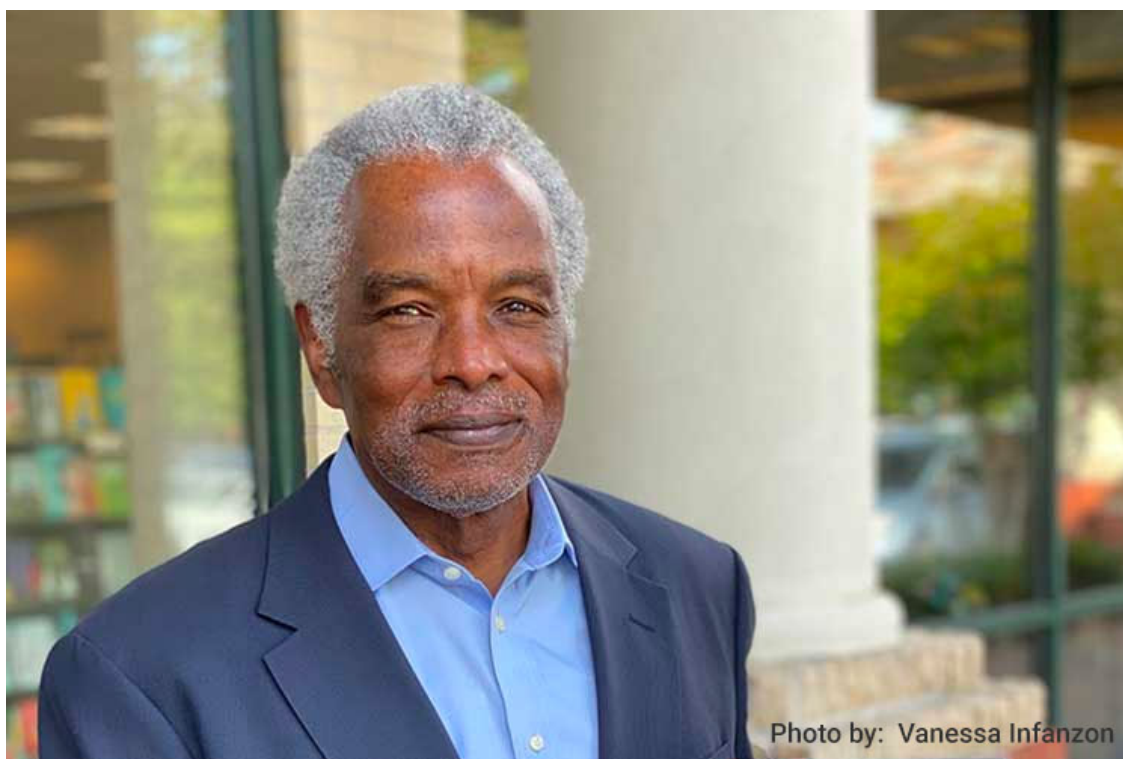
"The ladies have gone through some challenging times with not being able to work, no visitation, no home visits and living in a facility that wasn't built for 24/7

living," said Joanna Patcha, social worker.

"The mood was generally cautious around the vaccine, but once everyone got vaccinated, it quickly turned into excitement. They are so ready to get out of the house and start working, eager to earn some money to aid in their reentry process."

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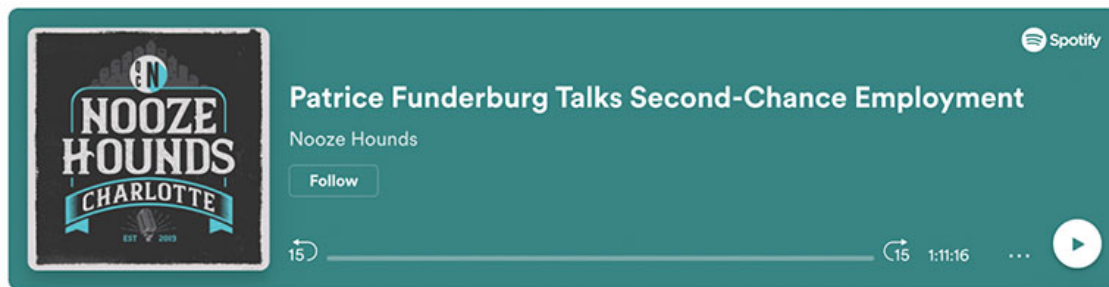


Patrick Diamond, a longtime and active member of Charlotte's business, nonprofit and arts communities, has joined our team as interim development director.

For the next six months, he'll focus on major gifts to raise \$1 million for our agency through foundations, corporations, individuals and the faith community. Part of Patrick's efforts will include launching a Second Chance Fund to help people with criminal records and their families rebuild their lives and successfully reenter the community following incarceration.

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CCT Talks Second Chance Employment, Changing Criminal Justice Narratives with Queen City Nerve



Most of the criminal justice conversations in our community are about policing and law enforcement, not on reentry, transition and reducing recidivism. But all of these topics are connected because issues with police result in pathways to incarceration.

In March, Executive Director Patrice Funderburg sat down with Queen City Nerve Editor Ryan Pitkin to talk about breaking down incarceration stigmas and changing the criminal justice narrative. Ryan also spoke for former CCT client Ebony Thomas Yakout, who spent two years at the Center for Women, graduated from our LifeWorks! Program and now runs her own transportation business.

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Patrice Funderburg Talks Fair Chance Hiring, Bojangles Partnership on Levelset Podcast



The successful second chance partnership between the Center for Community Transitions and Bojangles was one of the highlights of Fair Chance Conversations, a Levelset podcast featuring Executive Director Patrice Funderburg.

Levelset works with companies, such as Bojangles, to minimize barriers to attracting and retaining high-quality talent. Team members Matt Joyce, Alex Love and Salomon Moreno-Rosa invited Patrice to talk about building partnerships between employers and community-based organizations.

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