

Celebrating Black Philanthropy, digital equity and a strong Charlotte



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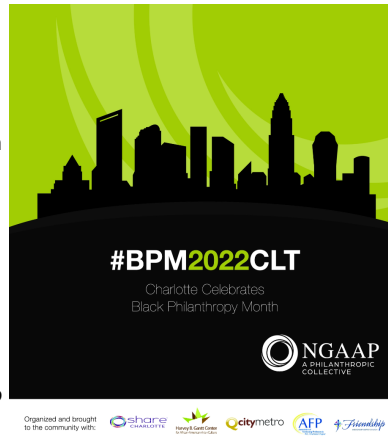


Hi Stephen,

Summer is not quite over yet. In Charlotte, that means there are still plenty of community events you can take part in to enjoy the sunny vibes while also helping build a better city. I want to share a few of these with you below, along with some quick recaps of recent happenings.

Celebrating Black philanthropy

August is Black Philanthropy Month. There are countless Black-led philanthropies throughout the country doing excellent work, but I'm especially excited to spotlight some community leaders right here in Charlotte. Knight is proud to support the New Generation of African American Philanthropists' (NGAAP Charlotte) Black Philanthropy Month programs taking place in Charlotte. I encourage you and your networks to take part in these events, which include:



- [Funder x Nonprofit Networking Forum \(Aug 11\)](#)
- [Black Philanthropy: Catalyzing Community Change, For Us, By Us \(Aug 18\)](#)
- [CLT Gives Black-Weekend Edition \(Aug 26-28\)](#)
- ['If We Had Not Loved Each Other...': Madam C.J. Walker and the Past, Present and Future of Black Generosity \(Aug 30\)](#)

Check out the NGAAP CLT's [events page](#) for more opportunities throughout the month.

Five Points Plaza 5K Race



This coming Saturday, August 13, at 8 a.m., you can take part in The Five Points Plaza 5K race. Meet up with West End residents and run from the Five Points Plaza through Biddleville neighborhood, ending in a big backyard BBQ party. This event is open for all ages and it's truly a great way to enjoy your

weekend with family, friends and neighbors. [Sign up here](#) (there's also a 1K option, if you prefer.)

Getting constructive viewpoints out in the public

I was pleased to recently host Jim Brady, Knight's VP of journalism, and Marc Lavallee, Knight's director of technology product and strategy for journalism, in Charlotte. We were fortunate to speak with several local news leaders, including Glenn Burkins, veteran journalist and founder of QCity Metro. Burkins shared how QCity Metro is [leveraging Knight support](#) to partner with the national [Op-Ed Project](#) to train journalists on writing effective opinion pieces.

Interested in learning more about Knight's support of journalism, including in Charlotte? Sign up for Jim Brady's newsletter [here](#).



Connectivity for all

As you all may know, Vice President Kamala Harris visited Charlotte on July 21 to speak to the community about the importance of securing access to high-speed internet. She referenced the Affordable Connectivity Program, which seeks to provide discounts to eligible Americans who do not currently have access to internet service.

During the event, both VP Harris and Charlotte Mayor pro-tem Julie Eiselt gave a nod to Charlotte's libraries as essential institutions that are carrying out digital equity work in the community. Mayor Eiselt also referenced the [Center for Digital Equity](#), a Knight partner at the forefront of this important work. I encourage you to check out the Center's work, if you

aren't familiar already and watch this [behind the scenes video](#) of VP Harris talking to digital navigators trained by the Center for Digital Equity.

Something exciting is coming for the arts in Charlotte...

Calling all Charlotte artists: keep an eye on Knight's website and social media channels ([@knightfdn](#)) for an arts-related announcement in September. We're looking forward to continuing our work to support our city's rich cultural scene.

In the meantime, I invite you to check out more details about our [Knight Arts program](#), which seeks to support artists that leverage technology to create, disseminate art, and enhance the way art is experienced.

As always, I feel incredibly optimistic about Charlotte's future. Every day, I see more and more community members leading the charge to build a better city for all. Let your colleagues know they can be up-to-date by signing up for this Charlotte newsletter [via this link](#).

Enjoy the rest of summer,

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