

## New Knight investment ensures more affordable housing in West Charlotte



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Hi Stephen,

I can't believe it's already November! As we approach the end of the year, I wanted to share a note of gratitude for the many Charlotteans who are leading the charge in building a city where opportunities thrive for all.

Here's a quick news roundup:

### Developing neighborhoods for residents

At Knight, we believe that for a community to be truly successful, all community members need to have access to opportunities. That's why I'm very proud to announce an investment of **\$600,000 in the West Side Community Land Trust**. The local nonprofit will leverage the support to continue its development of permanent affordable housing in Historic West End.

Read more about the [West Side Community Land Trust](#) and our investment in [The Charlotte Post](#) and [QCity Metro](#).



***"Neighbors formed our organization with a clear intent to create staying power for themselves and others in communities that are rapidly shifting. Knight Foundation's support is truly an investment in resident-led solutions and a viable demonstration of what's possible when working in and with community."***

— Charis Blackmon, executive director of West Side Community Land Trust, in [The Charlotte Post](#).

**Your feedback is essential: [West End Survey](#)**

Knight partnered with HR&A Consultants to develop a Historic West End Perceptions Survey for residents of the corridor. The survey is short and primarily multiple choice. If you live in the West End, please take a moment to **provide your feedback by Tuesday, November 22**. In addition, please share the survey with a neighbor in the district — the feedback will help inform current and upcoming projects and initiatives by Knight and our partners.

### Take the Survey



#### Murals tell our stories

Storytelling can take many forms. In Charlotte, artists have used murals to share local histories to help build community attachment. Just this past weekend, two new murals were unveiled in the Historic West End.

Knight-supported artist **Georgie Nakima** revealed a new work on the Atrium Clinic at 5 Points Plaza across from Johnson C. Smith University. Big thanks to my former colleague Priya Sircar, Charlotte's Art & Culture Officer, and our good friends at Atrium for making this possible.

*(Pictured above, left to right: Marcus Kimbrough, Priya Sircar, Georgie Nakima, me, April Hood and Helen Kimbrough, in front of Georgie's mural)*

**Lovonia Parks** revealed her mural across the street at Rita's Ice Cream. The murals represent the history, culture and future of Historic West End. Learn more about the 24 murals in the neighborhood [in this recent Axios article](#).



*(Pictured above: Lovonia Parks' mural, in production [left] and complete [right])*

#### Speaking of the arts...

Thank you, Charlotte artists! Last month, we wrapped up the application period of the [Knight Art + Tech Expansion Fund](#). I can't begin to tell you just how thrilled I was to see so many local artists express interest in the Fund!

I was joined by Koven Smith, senior director of Knight's arts program, to chat with local artists, go over frequently asked questions on the Fund, and hear their great ideas for the arts. I'm proud of our local creatives, and I look forward to how they'll keep building a better Charlotte through their work. ***Stay tuned to Knight's social media channels for an announcement presenting the winners of the Fund!***

For more news on arts and community in Charlotte, follow Knight on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#). And don't forget to let your friends and colleagues know that they can sign up for this Charlotte newsletter [here](#).

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