

Thanks A-Latte Starbucks!



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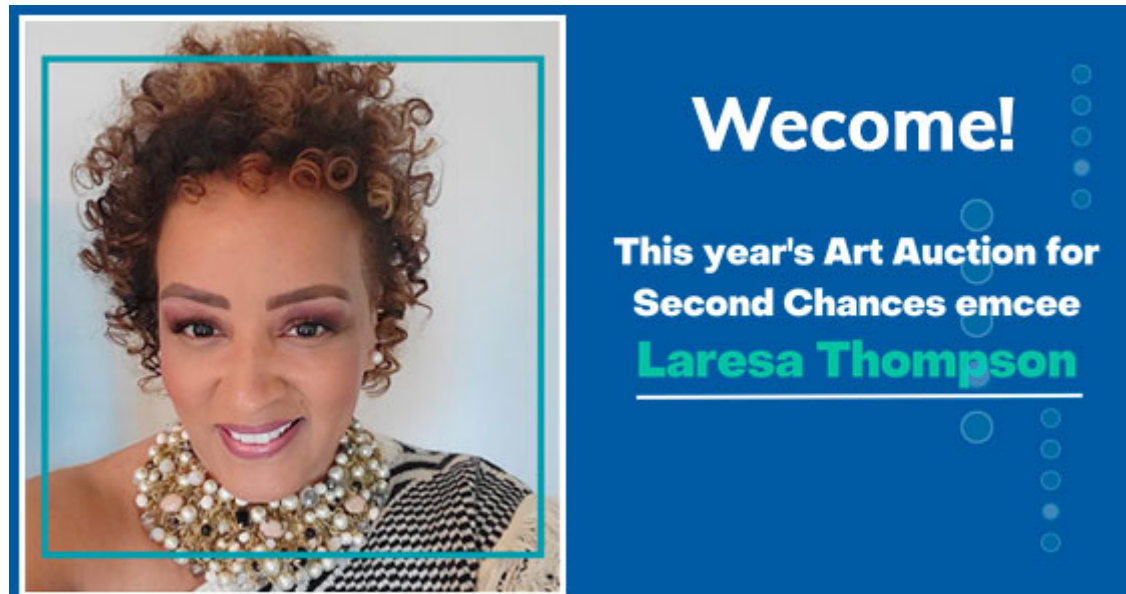
Our Executive Director, Patrice Funderburg, shares what you can expect the day of our fundraiser and what it means for Charlotte.

CCT's second annual Art Auction for Second Chances is just days away. Because of supporters like you, we can continue to improve the outcomes for individuals returning to our community after a period of incarceration.

Art Auction for Second Chances is FREE and open to the public. Light appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages will be served. Cash bar available.

RSVP for the Art Auction Today!

2023 Art Auction Emcee



We're happy to share a well-known face in Charlotte will emcee our second annual Art Auction for Second Chances, Host and Media Personality, Laresa Thompson.

Laresa is the owner of Thompson & Boyd Communications, LLC, where she uses more than 15 years in the communications and broadcast field to provide PR and media relations, including social media to clients, including CCT and grammy award winning R&B singer and native Charlottean, Anthony Hamilton.

Laresa has held a variety of roles including Morning Co-Host at WCCB, Carowinds PR/media spokesperson, and media relations at Lowe's Companies, Inc. Her passion to help others led her to volunteer at Nations Ford Community Church, Rebuilding Together of the Carolinas, Dress for Success, the Battered Women's Shelter and Habitat for Humanity. Laresa was raised in Greensboro and earned a bachelor's degree in Journalism from NC A&T State University.

We'll see you this Sunday, June 11 from 12 pm - 3 pm at the Mint Museum Uptown. [RSVP Today!](#)

Thank You to Our Sponsors

We are thankful for the financial contributions from businesses, big and small, to help make our fundraiser happen. Your generosity is vital to continue our important work.

We'd like to recognize these generous supporters of our Art Auction for Second Chances:

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End of Year Celebration





On May 16, the Families Doing Time (FDT) program held the last Third Tuesday Family Night of the 2022-23 school year at the new FDT program office located at Newell Presbyterian Church.

In a carnival style celebration hosted by long-time CCT community/faith partner, Covenant Presbyterian Church, families enjoyed arts & crafts, board games, a bounce house, and they were even able to get in some physical activity with line dancing, basketball, jump rope and soccer! Other partner organizations from throughout the year also joined the festivities, including setting up tables with information about their organization or business.

[Learn more about the Families Doing Time program.](#)



Community Support



We love and appreciate the ongoing support and connection from the Charlotte community! CCT received some surprise donations recently, and we want to share the good news.

Our Families Doing Time (FDT) program received an unexpected financial donation from the Charlotte Chapter of the Pinochle Bugs Social and Civic Club. Each year, the Charlotte chapter identifies a local nonprofit to support by helping raise awareness and funds. This year, the chapter selected children affected by incarceration, which is mission-aligned with the FDT program.

Center for Women Donation Drive





During April reentry month, the LatinX Student Union at UNC-Charlotte held a donation drive for [Center for Women](#) residents. The mission of the LatinX Student Union is to unite the Latinx population and empower them to serve communities in need. In May, group members delivered the hygiene products collected, along with beautiful hand-made cards featuring words of inspiration.

Thank you to the Charlotte Chapter of the Pinochle Bugs Social and Civic Club and the LatinX Student Union for spreading love and kindness for second chances.

[See the Instagram Post and Follow Us!](#)

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More good news! CCT was nominated and awarded a Starbucks Foundation Neighborhood Grants to continue our efforts to help those transitioning from incarceration back into society.

We are grateful to Starbucks employees and the Starbucks Foundation.

Father's Day





June 18 is Father's Day. Let's honor all dads, padres, papas, pops and stepfathers out there.

Juneteenth Holiday



CCT will observe Juneteenth on Monday, June 19. Our administrative office, and LifeWorks! and Families Doing Time program offices will be closed.

Now a federally recognized holiday, Juneteenth celebrates African-American freedom from enslavement in the United States. Also known as Emancipation Day, Freedom Day, Jubilee Day and Black Independence Day, it is a day that people across the country are joining to truthfully acknowledge a period in American history that shaped and continues to influence our society today, including incarceration, reentry, and second chances.



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