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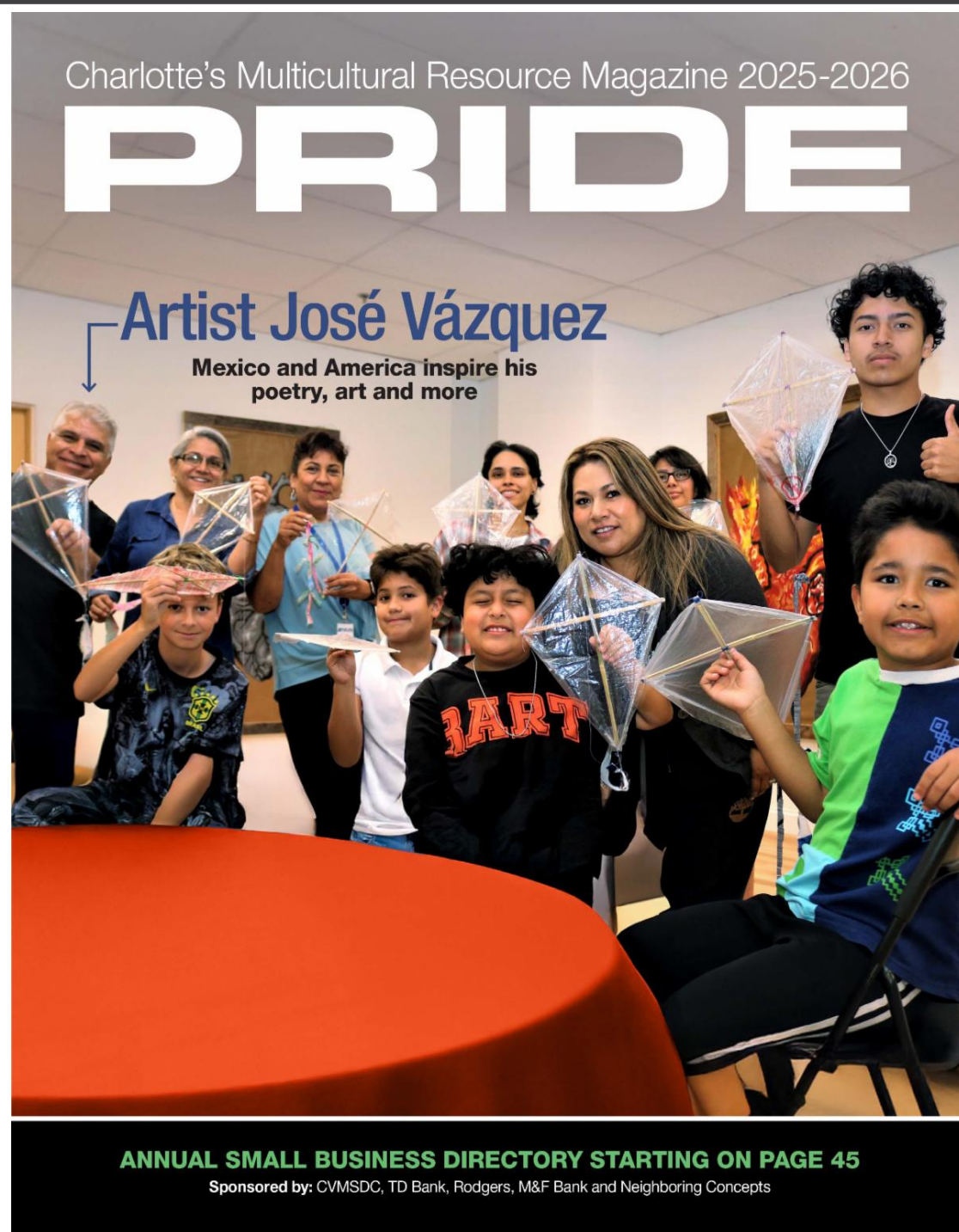
## CHARLOTTE'S STRENGTH LIES IN ITS PEOPLE



### From the Desk of Dee Dixon, CEO/Publisher

Charlotte's strength lies in its people — from artists and entrepreneurs to civic leaders and everyday changemakers. In this special Multicultural Issue of Pride Magazine, we celebrate the vibrant diversity that defines our city and drives it forward. Let this issue serve as both a mirror and a window — a reflection of who we are and a glimpse into the inclusive future we're building together.

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**Web Design Business Is Rooted in Balance**





For Lena Lumelsky, the journey from Soviet refugee to Charlotte-based entrepreneur has been marked by grit, reinvention and a deep commitment to work-life balance—long before the concept became mainstream. As the founder of Woland Web, a web design and development firm, Lumelsky didn't just build a business — she built a lifestyle, one that prioritizes flexibility, intentionality and the realities of American life. [READ MORE](#)

## Through Words and Music Sing Equity



Greg Jarrell: Advocating for Housing Equity Through Words and Music By Loán C. Lake Life changed for Charlotte community organizer Greg Jarrell the day he realized there were two Americas. This hard truth unfolded during...[READ MORE](#)

## Step Up for Stillbirth Awareness at the 7th Annual Jace's Journey 5K & Fun Run!

A promotional poster for the 7th Annual Jace's Journey 5K & Fun Run. The poster features a large graphic of a footprint with a heart inside, and the text "Jace's JOURNEY 5K". To the right, there are three small photos: a group of runners, a group of people in purple shirts, and a couple. Below the main title, it says "Stillbirth Awareness 5K and Fun Run". At the bottom, it provides the date "SATURDAY OCTOBER 25, 2025", the location "Belle Johnston Community Center, 1000 Johnston Rd. Pineville, NC 28134", and contact information: "@jacesjourneyinc", a QR code, and "info@jacesjourney.org". It also includes the website "www.jacesjourney.org".

**Jace's JOURNEY 5K**

**7TH ANNUAL**

5K begins at **9:30 AM**  
Fun Run begins at **10:30 AM**

**Stillbirth Awareness 5K and Fun Run**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 25, 2025**  
Belle Johnston Community Center  
1000 Johnston Rd. Pineville, NC 28134

@jacesjourneyinc info@jacesjourney.org

For more information visit [www.jacesjourney.org](http://www.jacesjourney.org)

Join us as we break the silence around stillbirth, uplift grieving families, and build a future of hope and healing. Every step honors a life and supports maternal and infant health equity. Sponsorship and vendor opportunities are now available—partner with us to make an impact! To learn more go to:

<https://www.jacesjourney.org/5k-and-fun-run>

## Charlotte Ranks in the Top Ten of the Most Diverse Cities



WalletHub, a personal finance company, recently completed an extensive diversity study to understand the racial demographics in the United States. In a WalletHub report published in February, the company found that the number of diverse populations in hundreds of U.S. cities is growing.

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## Gotcha Matcha Offers a Taste of Thailand in Charlotte APRIL 2026



In the heart of Uptown Charlotte, a unique café is mixing up more than just lattes. Eric Hicklen Jr., owner of Gotcha Matcha & Espresso, is redefining the local beverage scene with his original crafted matcha creations. Hicklen's journey to opening his own coffee shop was far from a straight shot — a testament to his unwavering vision and determination..[READ MORE](#)



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