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StriveCLT's Got Exciting Updates, Events & Afterschool Programs News

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Dear StriveCLT Community,
We're thrilled to share that StriveCLT was recently honored with a 2025 GOODIE Award, recognizing our "Cool Collaboration" with Barre Belle to bring to the Southside Homes community weekly ballet lessons for youth in our afterschool program. This recognition from SHARE Charlotte was one of 15 unique awards presented during their annual awards program in partnership with the Foundation for the Carolinas. It reflects the outstanding commitment from our community partners to help us accomplish our mission by improving the lives of families we serve.



As we celebrate this milestone, we're also excited to share a wonderful update about our afterschool program. While we continue serving students who are enrolled at Marie G. Davis School, we're excited to announce that our afterschool program has a new residence in Southside Homes. This new location will allow us to be embedded within the INLIVIAN income-based housing property which has been in the Southend area of Charlotte since the 1950's. It also enables us to create an even more supportive and accessible environment for our families, particularly during this school year, the last before they are bussed to another school outside their community starting in Fall 2026.



This Thursday, October 23, 2025, communities across the country are celebrating the annual **Lights On Afterschool**, sponsored by the national Afterschool Alliance. The Hill recently reported the following facts from the Alliance's survey:

- "The supply of afterschool programs cannot keep up with the demand from parents, leaving schools and students in a precarious spot that advocates and officials say will take a community effort to solve."