



## Wells Fargo's Duke Energy Center Lights Up on January 28 In Honor of Foundation For The Carolinas' 60th Anniversary

CHARLOTTE – Wells Fargo's Duke Energy Center will be lit red, gold, blue and white this Sunday, Jan. 28, in honor of Foundation For The Carolinas' 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The colors were chosen to reflect the Jon Kuhn glass piece "Diamana Splitare," symbolically representing the Foundation's diamond anniversary. The piece is on display at FFTC's headquarters in the Sonia and Isaac Luski Gallery, which is free and open to the public during weekday business hours.

In early 1958, 24 of the city's most distinguished leaders created the United Community Foundation, which was officially incorporated on January 28 that year. Started with a \$3,000 gift from the United Way, the foundation's mission was to accept and distribute charitable gifts, to make sure donors' wishes are carried out in perpetuity and to build a permanent "nest egg" for broad community needs.

Sixty years later, what is now Foundation For The Carolinas has grown to serve 2,500 fundholders, 13 counties in North and South Carolina and is the sixth largest community foundation in the United States with \$2.5 billion in assets. In its 60 years, FFTC has distributed more than \$2.7 billion in grants to nonprofits on behalf of its fundholders.

FFTC will celebrate 60 years at its 2018 Annual Meeting, March 22, 12-1:30 p.m., at the Charlotte Convention Center. The keynote speaker for 2018 is Robert Muggah, a political scientist and expert on cities, security and new technology. Visit <u>our website</u> for details and to register.

The Foundation has also started a 60-part campaign on Facebook called "60 for 60," highlighting key people, moments, transformative grants and more. <u>Follow the Foundation</u> and search for #FFTC60For60.

## About Foundation For The Carolinas

Celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> year, Foundation For The Carolinas is the sixth-largest nonprofit community foundation in the country, serving donors and a broad range of charitable purposes in North and South Carolina. With assets of \$2.5 billion, FFTC's mission is to inspire philanthropy and empower individuals to create a better community. Visit www.fftc.org.

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