

**Foundation For The Carolinas presents 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual *On The Table* event, bringing people together at mealtime to discuss pressing community issues; *New this year: FFTC launches Act On Fund to support community-built ideas***

CHARLOTTE – *On The Table* CLT, a community-wide mealtime discussion presented by Foundation For The Carolinas, returns Oct. 24. And along with it, the Foundation is launching the Act On Fund to help mobilize ideas generated by OTT CLT.

[Various locations throughout the community](#) will play host this year to *On The Table* CLT. These mealtime conversations are made possible through generous support from the [John S. and James L. Knight Foundation](#) and as part of a national initiative to bring people together around issues that matter to participants, neighborhoods and communities. Visit [onthetable.org](http://onthetable.org) or email [onthetableclt@fftc.org](mailto:onthetableclt@fftc.org) for more information or to register to host.

*On The Table* is designed to expand community engagement, encourage participants to share their perspectives and inspire local action, yielding more than 5,000 participants. This year, the conversation will focus on segregation and its impact in our community – a key factor for upward mobility, as specified in the Leading on Opportunity Report.

“What I love about *On The Table* CLT is that it promotes trust, encourages openness to differing opinions and extends beyond our traditional partnerships for meaningful engagement,” said Brian Collier, FFTC executive vice president. “This year, we’re focusing on individual accountability and how it leads to change.”

As part of *On The Table* CLT’s goal to create change, Foundation For The Carolinas is launching the Act On Fund to mobilize ideas generated by participants. The fund will award microgrants to bring to life the ideas generated during the event.

A committee of community members will award microgrants ranging from \$500 - \$2,500. Eligible applicants include 501(c)(3) nonprofits, congregations, governmental institutions and accredited educational organizations who participated in an *On The Table* conversation. The application deadline is **Nov. 30 at noon**.

The Act On Fund is also accepting contributions, with a match challenge by the Reemprise Fund at FFTC. The Fund will make a \$10 contribution every time a donation of at least \$10 is made, up to 500 individual donations.

To give, to apply or to get more information, visit [www.fftc.org/ActOn](http://www.fftc.org/ActOn).

FFTC is one of 10 community foundations across the U.S. participating in *On The Table* with support from Knight Foundation, replicating an annual civic engagement initiative of the same name developed by The Chicago Community Trust in 2014. Support for *On The Table* advances Knight Foundation’s work to help cities attract and keep talented people, expand economic opportunity and create a culture of civic engagement. Knight Foundation believes that successful communities are equitable, inclusive and participatory.

For more information on *On The Table* CLT or the Act On Fund, contact Whitney Feld at 704.973.4913 or at [wfeld@fftc.org](mailto:wfeld@fftc.org).

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## 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.ffc.org](http://www.ffc.org).

## About the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation

Knight Foundation is a national foundation with strong local roots. We invest in journalism, in the arts, and in the success of cities where brothers John S. and James L. Knight once published newspapers. Our goal is to foster informed and engaged communities, which we believe are essential for a healthy democracy.

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