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NEWS

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News Brief: Digital Charlotte is looking for five community groups [DIGITAL CHARLOTTE]

The fourth cohort of the Program Accelerator kicks off in September, and it's designed to support organizations that can help strengthen levels of digital inclusion in their communities. The program has already supported almost a dozen other Charlotte organizations that help people obtain the digital and media literacy training they need to succeed in an increasingly digital world.

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Five crucial steps needed to close the U.S. Digital Divide [FORBES]

"If you were to google 'how to close the digital divide,' you would not come up empty-handed. As a quick precursor, for those of you who may be unfamiliar, the digital divide refers to the inequalities in finances, education and social status faced by those without computers and access to the internet versus those who do." Read more from Skyler Ditchfield, CEO of GeoLinks.

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For many US cities, the digital divide is more than an infrastructure problem [SMART CITIES DIVE]

Broadband access problems aren't limited to rural areas. In cities, the digital divide is a barrier to urban revitalization and the full realization of a "smart city" vision.

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Successful 1:1 Device Programs Help Students Get Online at Home [ED TECH MAGAZINE]

For the past decade, bringing digital equity and broadband access to U.S. schools has been a main focus for educators and administrators. Thanks to nationwide efforts to pursue high-speed connectivity for K–12 students, Wi-Fi is available in more schools than ever before. In fact, 94 percent of school districts have acceptable high-speed internet, according to a report by EducationSuperHighway.

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COMMUNITY

Empowering Charlotte Residents Online -- Learn more about how the Queens Knight School of Communication and Digital Charlotte are working together in our Program Accelerator.

Meet Amber Petty, Senior Manager of National Programs of EveryoneOn in our Stakeholder Snapshot.

CALENDAR

- **August 6 -** Tyvola Senior Center: Typing 101
- **August 9 -** Charlotte Housing & Neighborhood Services: Neighborhood Matching Grants Pre-Application Workshop
- **August 18 -** CM Library: Social Media Basics
- **August 22 -** Urban League of Central Carolinas: Career Fair

Have a question, upcoming event, stakeholder suggestion, or resources to share?
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