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## Supporting America's Small Businesses

Reliable, top-quality communications tools are necessary for businesses to grow and continue to succeed. Spectrum Business provides thousands of small and medium-size businesses across the 41 states we serve with superior, fast broadband and free tools like custom email addresses and cloud backup services.

Spectrum Business customer Spring Lake Winery has become a popular upstate New York destination for wine tours, weddings and events. One of the keys to their success was their decision to switch to Spectrum Business so they and their customers are able to reliably connect with friends online and share photos of their gorgeous venue and their personal celebrations. Similarly, Bad Coffee serves the best “bad” coffee they can brew with a side of fast, reliable internet access so their customers can do all the work they need from the comfort of the café.

It takes 21st century tools for businesses to realize the American dream. Providing them with these tools is how we continue to serve our customers and strengthen the communities where they live and work.

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## Bringing Veterans and Communities Together

Charter is dedicated to supporting veterans and their families, both as valuable members of our workforce and honored members of the communities we serve.

Throughout the month of November, we partnered with HISTORY®'s national Take a Veteran to School Day initiative which links veterans of all ages with young people in our schools and communities.

This year, Charter sponsored more than 30 Take A Veteran to School Day events across our 41-state footprint. At Flagler Palm Coast High School in Florida, State Representative Paul Renner shared his military experience and what it has meant to him to be a veteran with more than 50 Flagler JROTC cadets.

We thank all of the brave men and women who have served our country.

**[Watch some of the highlights from our recent events in Palm Coast, Florida and Buffalo, New York.](#)**

## Thinking Forward to Create Smart Cities

Charter is committed to partnering with communities to power smart cities and we have invested billions of dollars to build the network and have the operational scale to enable them. Our investments have enabled 840,000 miles of network infrastructure, more than 350,000 Spectrum Wifi hotspots and the ability to deliver up to 100 Gbps symmetrical speeds to businesses. Our Enterprise business alone is investing more than \$1 billion for new fiber infrastructure in 2018 and is connecting over 50 buildings a day to our fiber network.

But building a smart city is more than just sensors, software and connectivity. We recently hosted an event in our “Think Forward” event series about building smart cities. At the event, FCC Commissioner Michael O’Rielly, Mayor Stephen Benjamin of Columbia, South Carolina, who is also serving as the President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and a panel of experts discussed how we can use technology to make our communities more efficient and effective.

Commissioner O’Rielly outlined both the opportunity and significant challenge associated with making America’s communities smarter. [He said](#), “This means incredibly low latency and high capacity

networks along with computing power never seen before. You’ll demand the next level of high-tech scientific capabilities. If we get things right, not only can smart cities be a benefit to local communities, but they can also serve as a catalyst for new technological advancement and problem solving think of it of the dawn of the next microprocessor or fiber optic cable.”

Mayor Benjamin [identified public-private partnerships](#) as a promising means of making smart cities a reality for cities and communities across the country; “We are strong advocates of public-private partnerships, we are strong

advocates of working together to make sure that our citizens can live up to their God-given potential in our cities.”

**To watch our Think Forward Event on smart cities [click here](#). To learn more about Charter Spectrum’s smart cities initiative visit:**

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