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Subject: You Are Invited! South Carolina Community Loan Fund Celebrates 10 Years!

Dear Friend,

It is hard to believe that it has been ten years since a group of committed local citizens came together under the leadership of Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. and the City of Charleston's Department of Housing and Community Development to form what was then called the Charleston Housing Trust, and later became Lowcountry Housing Trust, and we made our first \$15,000 loan to the United Methodist Relief Center. It has been an incredible journey and your continued support has made a difference.

Looking back, I think we all may have underestimated the role that this organization would some day play in being not only a vehicle, but also a voice for *aligning capital with justice* here in Charleston and throughout South Carolina.

For our staff and board, the tragic shooting on June 17th and the continuing conversations on racism and inequities has not altered our mission, but merely renewed our resolve to ensure that our existing mission of advancing the equitable access to capital for all underserved South Carolina communities is fulfilled.

So, to acknowledge our journey and to celebrate our path to becoming the **South Carolina Community Loan Fund**, I am inviting you to join us on **Monday, October 19th** as we launch an annual **Thought Leader Speaker Series**. Our hope is to bring some of America's most critical thinkers and thought provoking voices to South Carolina to help us collectively wrestle with some of the very real and systemic roadblocks we face as a state to *investing in community* and implementing innovative solutions.

At **10:00 am** at the **Charleston Music Hall** we will hear from New York Times journalist, op-ed columnist, author, and a winner of two Pulitzer Prizes, **Nicholas Kristof**. Kristof will also be signing copies of his award winning books, *Half the Sky* and *A Path Appears*. Tickets are on sale for \$25.

At **12:00 pm** at the **Embassy Suites Historic Charleston** we will host a **luncheon** where we will unveil our anniversary video featuring key figures in our organization's development including Karen Abrams of Keller Williams, Kim Davis of Wells Fargo Bank, Tammie Hoy Hawkins of Together Consulting, Vince Graham of Ion

Development, Geona Shaw Johnson of City of Charleston, Valarie Williams SC Housing, and Anita Zucker of The InterTech Group as well as community development projects that highlight our mission including D.P. Cooper Charter School, Honor Capital's Save-a-Lot store, Metanoia's affordable housing projects, and R.W. Cauble Flooring Company. The luncheon will also feature an interview with Nicholas Kristof, conducted by Charleston's own Pulitzer Prize winner, **Jack Bass**. Limited seats are still available and are on sale for \$100.

Transforming Lives, Creating Opportunity is the subtitle for Nicholas Kristof's latest book. We believe it aptly describes the impact we seek to make in South Carolina, one loan at a time. We invite you to continue on this journey with us and hope you will join us in celebration.

In partnership,

Michelle Mapp

Chief Executive Officer, SCCLF

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY. Tickets and more information [here](#).

On behalf of our board, staff, and **SPONSORS**, we hope that you will be able to join us.

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Since 2004, we have provided 275 loans for \$22.8 million in financing that facilitated more than \$196 million in community development projects; we financed 1,143 housing units, 3 healthy food outlets, 4 community facilities, and 5 community businesses, creating or retaining 3,131 jobs and providing a safe, affordable place to call home for 2,858 individuals and families.

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