

**CHARLOTTE, N.C.** — The City of Charlotte turns 250 this year, and a yearlong, city-wide celebration called CLT250 encourages all Charlotteans and friends of the city to come together through events, gatherings and initiatives to recognize the past, understand the present and envision a future with more opportunities for everyone. The festivities began over the Fourth of July holiday and culminate in May 2019 with a vibrant music, art, food and innovation festival.

“CLT250 is a way for our community’s residents and visitors to share in and commemorate our storied past,” said Eugene Woods, honorary chair of CLT250 and president and CEO of Atrium Health, which is the initiative’s presenting sponsor. “Throughout the next year, we invite everyone to celebrate 250 years of our city’s independence, ingenuity, determination, collaboration, compassion and resiliency. More than that, CLT250 calls us to imagine the next 250 years and a vibrant and dynamic future for all who call Charlotte home.”

Four signature CLT250 events will bring residents together for camaraderie and dialogue (National Night Out, Aug. 7, 2018), education on Charlotte’s official anniversary (Charlotte’s Anniversary, Dec. 3, 2018), tradition (Thanksgiving Day Parade, Nov. 22, 2018) and celebration through a very special relaunch of Charlotte Shout, a festival of music, art, food and innovation (May 5-12, 2019).

Throughout the year, communities are encouraged to take part in their own CLT250 celebrations in their neighborhoods, public spaces and parks, colleges and universities, houses of worship and workplaces. Longtime favorite Charlotte events such as Festival in the Park, Queen’s Feast and more will mark the 250th anniversary of the city’s founding in their own unique ways, and new initiatives will add to Charlotte’s commitment to become a friendlier, healthier, more equitable and more accessible city.

An advisory committee and planning work group made up of business leaders and community advocates helped shape the vision and mission of CLT250.

For more information about the yearlong celebration of Charlotte’s 250th anniversary, visit [CLT250.com](http://CLT250.com).

###

**CONTACT:**

Heather Tamol  
[htamol@wrayward.com](mailto:htamol@wrayward.com)  
704-661-0709

---

<https://media.visitnc.com/Charlotte-Commemorates-250th-Anniversary-with-Yearlong-Celebration>