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**National nonprofit StriveTogether awards \$150,000 grant to TCCC**

*TCCC one of 10 cradle-to-career partnerships chosen for Accelerator Fund*

North Charleston, SC - [Tri-County Cradle to Career Collaborative](http://Tri-CountyCradletoCareerCollaborative.org), a nonprofit dedicated to improving educational outcomes for all students in the region, has received \$150,000 from StriveTogether, a national nonprofit working to bring communities together around data to make decisions and improve results for children.

TCCC will use the grant funds - in partnership with Father to Father Inc., Metanoia and Trident United Way - to ensure that the region's students are ready for kindergarten by aligning organizations, individuals and resources and committing to a shared vision.

The grant is part of StriveTogether's Cradle to Career Community Challenge, which seeks to create local change to enable economic mobility. The program's goal is to strengthen and align the many systems, such as education, employment, health and housing, that shape opportunity for children and families in America.

"We appreciate StriveTogether's financial support and confidence in our work," said TCCC CEO John C. Read. "Although TCCC has begun the work of building the capacity of community-based organizations, the grant will help TCCC continue to infuse equity into the work and help deepen community engagement efforts by authentically engaging the region's grassroots, parents and students."

Since launching in 2018, the Community Challenge has committed to investing nearly \$30 million in 35 communities over the next three years.

"StriveTogether launched the Cradle to Career Community Challenge because we refuse to settle for a world in which a child's ability to thrive is dictated by factors like race or income," StriveTogether President and CEO Jennifer Blatz said. "From partners across the country, we know the urgency of this work and the value of creating lasting change in communities."

TCCC, a member of the StriveTogether Cradle to Career Network, was selected for the Accelerator Fund of the Community Challenge. The Accelerator Fund will advance equity and systems change in communities that are close to achieving proof point, an important measure of progress along StriveTogether's framework. The fund also provides an intensive leadership development program with targeted training and technical assistance.

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**About Tri-County Cradle to Career Collaborative**

Tri-County Cradle to Career Collaborative (TCCC) is a community-wide movement in Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester counties, South Carolina, focused on improving the quality of life of its citizens and its workforce through education. Using data and focused community collaboration across a continuum from “cradle-to-career,” TCCC serves as a catalyst for widespread, systemic change, with the ultimate goal of increased success and economic prosperity for all.

**About StriveTogether**

[StriveTogether](#) is a national movement with a clear purpose: help every child succeed in school and in life from cradle to career, regardless of race, zip code or circumstance. In partnership with nearly 70 communities across the country, StriveTogether provides resources, best practices and processes to give every child every chance for success. The StriveTogether Cradle to Career Network reaches 10.5 million students, involves 10,800 organizations and has partners in 30 states and Washington, D.C.

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