

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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CHARLESTON • SC

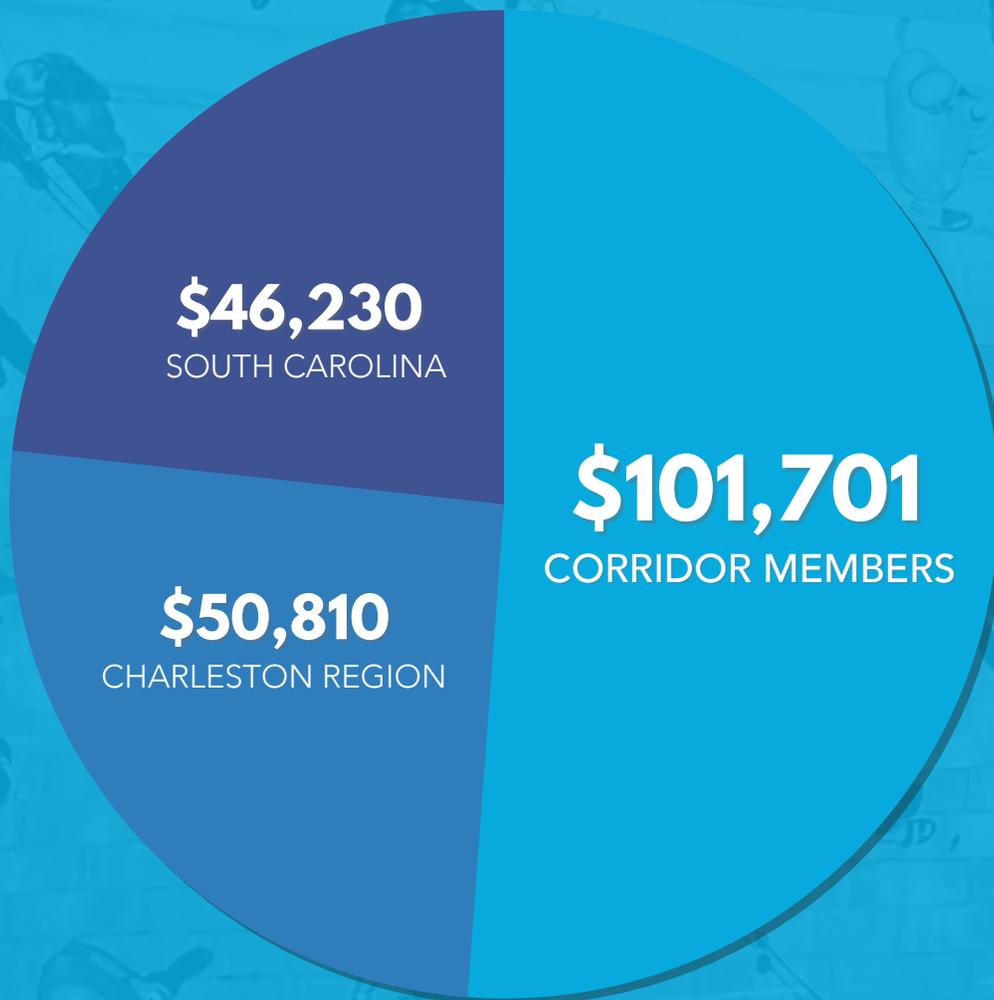
 **DIGITAL
CORRIDOR**

WHERE TECH THRIVES™

WAGE SURVEY

\$100K CEILING BROKEN

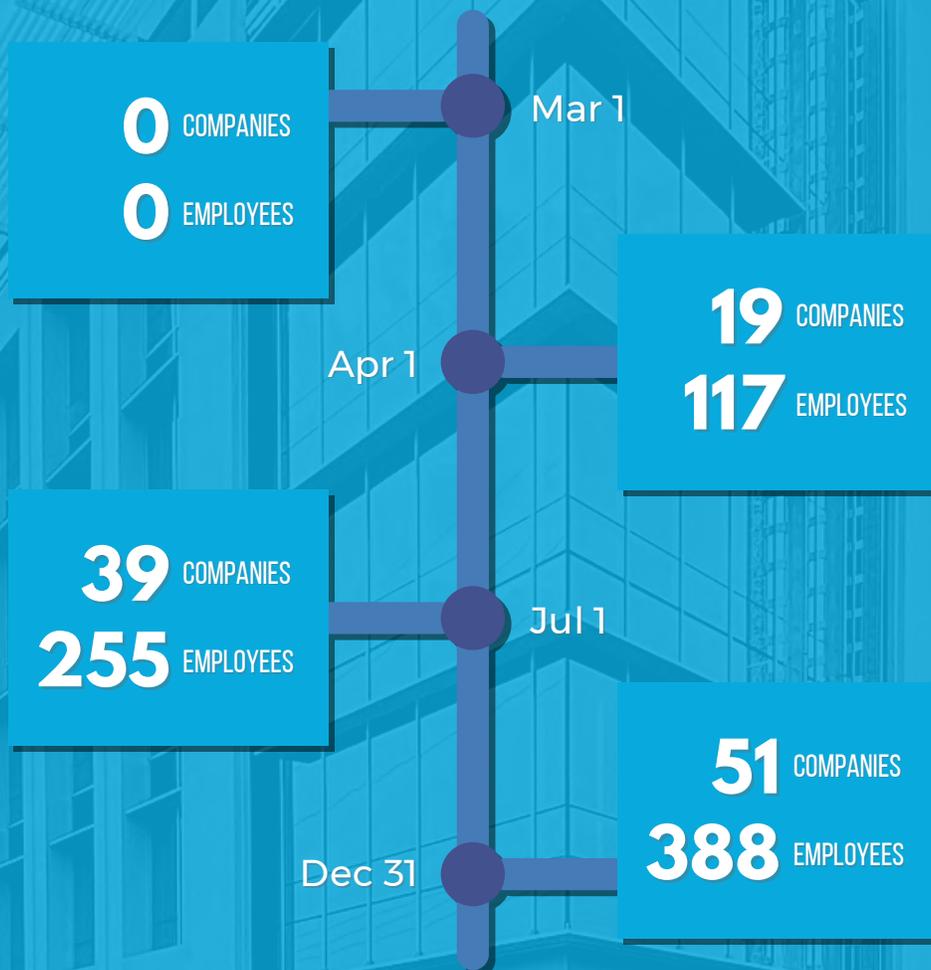
Although we have been close in recent years, 2021 marks the first year Corridor members surveyed topped the \$100,000 annual average wage mark.



TECH CENTER

TECH OPEN FOR ^ BUSINESS

Charleston's first tech-focused office building opened its doors in 2021 and has become a dynamic hub for our new-look hybrid tech workforce and community.



LEADERSHIP PROFILES

COMPELLING INSIGHTS

This year's batch of tech leaders we interviewed were particularly inspiring and offered some truly fascinating insights on seizing opportunities in even challenging times.



PHILLIP D'ORAZIO
PDMG



SUSAN PORTER
Abuzz



JACKIE KOHLHEPP
RezRev



**DR SUNDAR
BALASUBRAMANIAN**
PranaScience



JORDAN BERRY
Interloop



SIKES DORSEY
Cloud on Tap



JOHN MULVEY
Digital Echo

BACK TOGETHER

ONE SHUCKIN' GREAT EVENING

It was a real joy getting back together amongst colleagues and friends once again for our 2021 Annual Oyster Roast. The oysters, chili, vino, live music and camaraderie made for a truly special event.

150

Guests

0

Speeches



780

Pounds of oysters

15

Pounds of beef chili

With special thanks to:



**CHARLESTON
COUNTY SC**
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR'S WORDS

2021 was going to be the year of the “new normal.” Or at least it was supposed to be. But it turns out “normal” is a word that now gets virtually redefined on a weekly basis. To whomever once said it, I think we can confidently report we are indeed living in interesting times.

This past year will forever be remembered as the inaugural year of the Charleston Tech Center. Even more importantly, the year the Charleston Tech Center became home to 51 different tech companies, with a waiting list of others banging on the doors. The makeup of these companies may look a little different than what we expected when the plans were drawn up. Nevertheless, the need for flexible, affordable and right-sized office space has, if anything, increased from pre-pandemic years.

We introduced CDCu as well in 2021, welcoming over 200 attendees to 14 different classes and talks, with the program continuing to expand as we move into 2022. The Corridor’s Flagship space, and the Tech Center as a whole, have truly become an epicenter of activity for Charleston’s tech community. Not just as THE place to work - but also to network, learn, socialize and grow!

The dominant sentiments I have upon reflection of 2021, are gratitude and appreciation. Gratitude for the seemingly unstoppable growth and continued success of our tech community. And a sincere appreciation for all those who have believed in and contributed to the Corridor’s mission over the past 20 years to where we are today. Here’s to more of the same in 2022, with an emphasis on MORE. Continued success!



Ernest Andrade
Executive Director