

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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ADAPTING
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ACCELERATING
WINNING



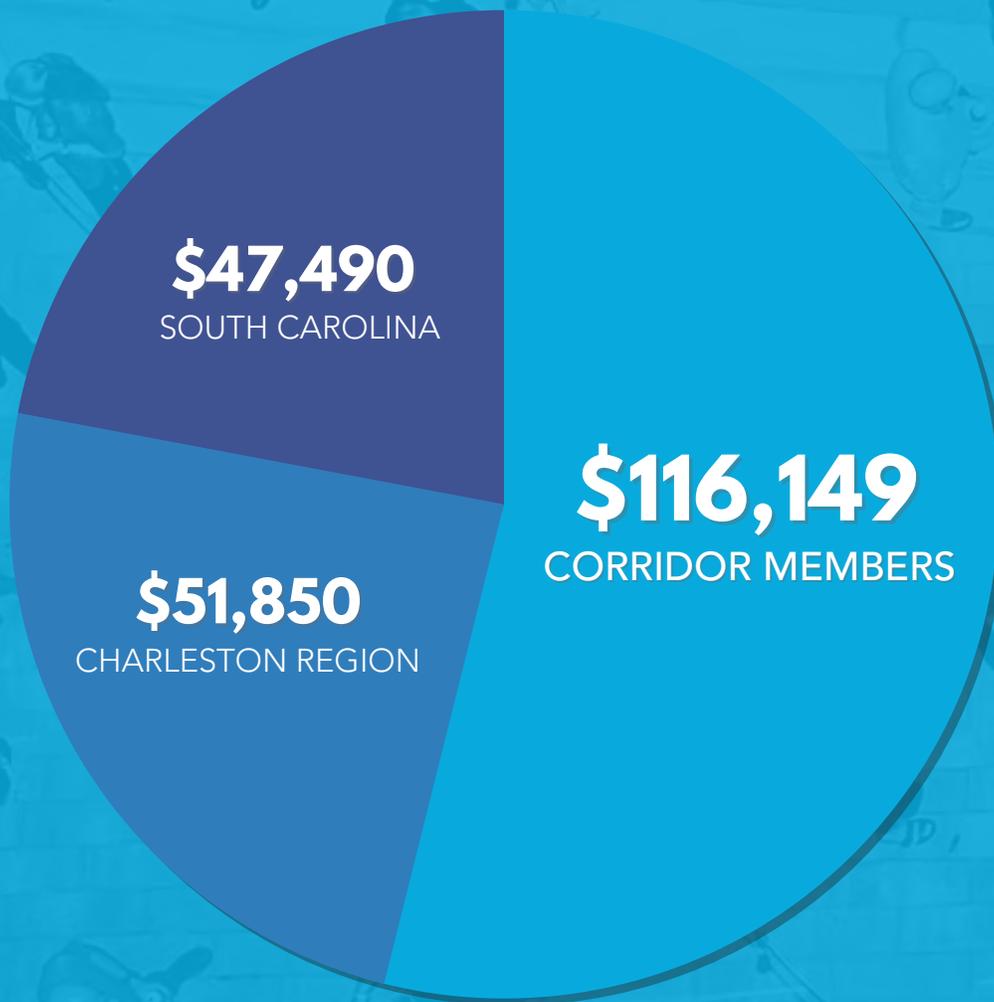
Charleston Digital

Where Tech Thrives

WAGE SURVEY

STRONG UPWARD TREND CONTINUES

After breaking through the \$100K ceiling in 2021, a substantial jump upward in 2022 makes a strong statement about the health and robustness of Charleston's tech economy.



TECH CENTER

A NUCLEUS OF ACTIVITY

The Charleston Tech Center, anchored by the Digital Corridor and its 2nd floor Flagship residents, has become the home base for tech's hybrid workforce and an epicenter of tech-focused events, meetups and conferences.

66 COMPANIES

472 EMPLOYEES

161 TEAM CONFERENCES

304 VISITOR TOURS

TECH LIFE PODCAST



INSIGHTFUL AUDIO INTERVIEWS TO GO

Our Tech Life Podcast has proven immensely popular and in it's introductory year, has already moved into a top 50% ranking by BuzzSprout. Episodes are released bi-weekly so be sure to subscribe on your preferred platform now.

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BACK TO THE RACES

THE TECHIEST TECH RACE IN TECH!

After a couple years off, the iFiveK was back up and running once again in downtown Charleston! Although ever so slightly smaller, this year's race felt bigger and better than ever.



With special thanks to:



**CHARLESTON
COUNTY • SC**
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

APPLE MUSEUM



ONE OF A KIND IN THE SOUTHEAST

We are immensely proud and deeply honored to be the home of the only Apple Museum on the East Coast. Anchored by a permanent loan of the Jan & Noah Schiffman Collection, the museum is open to the public and is free of charge.

**JUL
20**

Grand Opening

101

Items on Exhibit

348

Museum Visitors

**Did You
KNOW?**

AN UNOPENED GEN 1 IPHONE
RECENTLY SOLD AT AUCTION FOR:

\$54,904

DIRECTOR'S THOUGHTS

With 2022 now in the rearview, I find it difficult to fathom how all the comings and goings, interactions, gatherings, challenges and successes could have flown by so quickly. Yet they did, and already the outlook for this new year is shaping up to be even more eventful.

The resumption of the iFiveK combined with its move back to downtown Charleston was a highlight for me this past year. With a growing focus on simplification while simultaneously making a bigger impact, we raised a record-breaking amount (\$70K) for our education and diversity initiatives. The participation and enthusiasm of Charleston's tech companies to this event was truly an amazing and gratifying sight to witness.

Those who know me well and the history of the CDC can verify that we never shrink back or hesitate on moving forward in our mission. Regardless of the bullish or bearish economic outlooks currently trumpeted, the fundamentals we have learned and live by drive us to continually evolve our programs and initiatives aimed to catalyze the health and growth of Charleston's tech community. To that end, we plan to make a key new addition to the CDC leadership team. Stay tuned for more, or better yet, give me a call if you "get it" and believe you might be the one.

Finally, if you are one of the few who haven't yet 1) attended a CDCu class, 2) listened to an episode of the CDC Tech Life Podcast, 3) visited the Apple Museum at the Flagship, or 4) participated in our annual iFiveK race, consider this your personal invitation. If there is anything we're not doing that we could be, tell me. If there is something we can do better, tell me. My door is always open.

Looking forward to a fantastic 2023.



Ernest Andrade
Executive Director