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Charlotte Street Foundation adds two new members to Board of Directors

KANSAS CITY, Mo, March 5, 2019: Charlotte Street Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of two new members to its established core within the Board of Directors. Charlotte Street has added **Jessie McKinney** and **Josue Montes** to the board, bringing the total numbers of serving directors to 12. Jessie and Josue were formally welcomed to the Board in January 2019 and will be serving three-year terms.



**(Left: Josue Montes
Right: Jessie McKinney)**

Board of Directors currently serving for Charlotte Street include:

- **Jon Taylor (President)**, Founder at REACH Collaborative
- **Darren Abbott**, Vice President Creative at Hallmark Card, Inc.
- **Ina Anderson, (Vice President)**, Deputy Director at Greater Kansas City LISC
- **Cathy Beaham Smith**, Lead Director at Faultless Starch/Bon Ami Co.
- **José Faus**, Studio Artist
- **Catherine Futter**, Director of Curatorial Affairs at The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art
- **Laura McCray**, Consultant
- **Jessie McKinney**, Attorney at Shook, Hardy and Bacon
- **Julie Nelson Meers (Treasurer)**, Director of Strategic Engagement at gouldevans
- **Jose Montes**, Founder and Creative Director of 1DapperLatino, LLC
- **Jean-Paul Wong (Vice President)**, Owner at PURE Workplace Solutions
- **Toma Wolff (Secretary)**, Director at Byron Cohen Gallery



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ABOUT THE NEW MEMBERS

Jessie McKinney is an attorney at [Shook, Hardy & Bacon](#). Her practice focuses on complex commercial litigation and business disputes. She is a passionate supporter of the arts and loves the energy that a dynamic art scene brings to a city. One of her favorite aspects of travel is exploring different cities' artistic gems and, in particular, contemporary and experimental works in galleries, performance spaces, and museums.

Jessie states, "Kansas Citians are lucky to boast a robust art community and Charlotte Street Foundation plays a pivotal role—supporting artists and providing a platform for them to create, innovate, and thrive. By focusing on creatives and artists themselves, Charlotte Street occupies a unique niche and a wholly unvarnished appreciation for art. This approach benefits not only the artists that it directly serves, but also Kansas City's broader community by creating a culturally rich, energetic, and engaging city. Jessie is thrilled to join Charlotte Street Foundation's Board of Directors to continue its mission."

Josue Montes is the Founder and Creative Director of [1DapperLatino, LLC](#). He is a lover of all things interior design, fashion and cuisine. Josue is excited to serve on Charlotte Street's Board of Directors because of everything the organization has given towards the artists in Kansas City. As someone new to contemporary art, he can see the joy in artists' eyes when they are shown recognition for their craft. Josue plans to help magnify that joy through his service with Charlotte Street Foundation.

ABOUT CHARLOTTE STREET

Charlotte Street identifies the needs and fuels the evolution of an ever-changing multidisciplinary arts ecosystem, acting as its primary provocateur. Charlotte Street cultivates the contemporary, the exceptional, and the unexpected in the practice of artists working in and engaging with the Kansas City art community. Since 1997, Charlotte Street has distributed over \$1.1 million in awards and grants to artists and their innovative projects, and connected individual artists to each other and to the greater Kansas City community. For more information about Charlotte Street, its awards, programs, and initiatives, visit www.charlottestreet.org.

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