

# PRINCE CHARITABLE TRUSTS

## Charles Twichell Steps Down from Prince Charitable Trusts

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CHICAGO, IL – The Prince Charitable Trusts (PCT) wishes a fond farewell to Co-Executive Director Charles Twichell as he enters retirement.

With deep gratitude, we thank Charles for his impact on the many individuals and organizations his work touched during his nearly 26 years at the Trusts. This is a very exciting and well-deserved change for Charles, but we will all miss his thoughtful, compassionate, and accessible approach to philanthropy and leadership. While Charles eschewed the limelight, colleagues inside and outside the Trusts attest to his wisdom as a thought partner. Many community partners benefited from his approachability and willingness to help them conceptualize their work and craft fundable proposals, and several PCT program officers' careers advanced with his guidance and support.

Charles played an instrumental role in developing PCT's sports-based youth development program in Chicago and helped the Trusts' support for the environment, youth, health, and the arts adapt and evolve to meet pressing needs. He led the commissioning of a series of discussions in Chicago that informed the Aya Initiative, PCT's first participatory grantmaking program to support Black-led and Black-serving organizations committed to nature and the environment. Most recently, he guided PCT's Chicago grantmaking through a strategic planning process that retained support for environmental justice organizations and focused grantmaking for the arts on smaller organizations providing opportunities for emerging and underrepresented artists. Charles was a trusted friend and supporter of communities in Newport, RI and a regular patron of the arts at numerous performances during his time there in the summer. He leaves the Trusts well-grounded, with a commitment to racial equity and inclusion, and with the habits of trust and flexibility that will help programs adapt and flourish far into the future.



Charles asked us to convey his highest esteem for the many wonderful philanthropic and community partner colleagues he gained during his tenure at PCT, all of you among them. “I reflect on our shared journey, especially in Chicago and Newport, with profound gratitude. Your unwavering support and collaboration have enriched my professional life beyond measure. While I look forward to the novel challenges of retirement, I will always hold dear the memories of the fine work PCT had the honor to support.”

A heartfelt thank you to Charles for sharing his grace and good humor with us over the years. Please join us in wishing him all the best in his retirement. His email address at PCT, [ctwicHell@princetrusts.org](mailto:ctwicHell@princetrusts.org) will remain active through the end of January 2026 if you would like to reach him to send good wishes.

PCT’s new leader and internal transitions will be announced early next year.

#### **About Prince Charitable Trusts**

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