



**Michael J. Smith**

**President and CEO**

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Michael Smith is the President and CEO of Charlotte Center City Partners, which facilitates and promotes the economic, cultural and residential development of the Charlotte region's urban core. Smith's background blends corporate and non-profit experience.

Smith holds his MBA from Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University and his undergraduate degree from UNC Chapel Hill. He has held corporate roles at AT&T Communications, First Union's Capital Markets Group and By-Products Interactive. Prior to his role as President of CCCP, Smith was the Chief Financial Officer at the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.

Smith has been the driving force behind a number of key initiatives at Charlotte Center City Partners. Under Smith's leadership, Charlotte Center City Partners is facilitating the 2020 Center City Vision Plan which serves as the blueprint for development of the urban core. He launched the very successful Find Your Center marketing campaign and has created a new partnership with economic development partners to recruit more jobs to the Center City.

Smith serves on the Board of Directors for the International Downtown Association as well as a number of regional Boards including the Board of Visitors of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Sisters of Mercy Foundation, Belk College of Business at UNC Charlotte, the United Way, the Hospitality and Tourism Alliance, the Charlotte Chamber and the Arts and Science Council. He is very active with the St. Ann's Catholic Parish.

Smith has resided in Charlotte since 1998 with his wife, Kathleen, and their 3 children.