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Sonja Gantt
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Sonja Gantt is the executive director of the CMS Foundation - the official non-profit fundraising partner of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. She brings to the job a deep knowledge of the area, having served the majority of her 30-year media career as a journalist covering Mecklenburg County and the surrounding region. Gantt's community service over the years supports her role with the foundation, which works closely with local corporations, foundations and community groups.



Gantt began her career as a reporter for WBTW, a TV station in Florence, S.C. She moved to a reporting job with WBTV in Charlotte, then spent several years as an anchor and reporter for WGN in Chicago. She returned to Charlotte in 1997 as an anchor and reporter for WCNC, working there from 1997 until she joined the CMS Foundation in 2016. Her reporting has been celebrated with numerous awards including a Mid-South Regional Emmy in 2011.

Gantt grew up in Charlotte and is a proud graduate of East Mecklenburg High School. She holds a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In addition to her work she is an active member of the board of directors of the YMCA of Greater Charlotte, Z. Smith Reynolds Community Leadership Council, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. Sonja and her husband Mitch have two children.