

## Persistent 3rd-graders get crossing signal at busy intersection

The city of Charlotte is installing a pedestrian signal at a busy uptown intersection after lobbying from third-graders at Trinity Episcopal Elementary.

The students have a service-learning partnership with the Urban Ministry Center, a homeless assistance center that's uptown near Interstate 277. When they walked to the center, the kids noticed the intersection of 11th Street and North College Street didn't have a pedestrian crossing signal, and that the intersection seemed dangerous, in part because of traffic coming from I-277.

They began a letter-writing campaign to the Charlotte Department of Transportation in 2007. CDOT told them it was working on it. A year later, the students wrote again, and CDOT began installing the \$500 signal this week.