

entrepreneurs building entrepreneurs.

Our **For Youth, By Youth Center** is a collaborative space where teens can flourish. The echo teens have their own space to envision their futures and receive the support and guidance they need to succeed.

echo allowed me to see that I could even **create my own path** in life. **echo opened doors for me** if I wanted to walk through them.

- Michelle R, echo participant

Spring/ Summer 2024: **Teens Tackle Hunger**

Zero Hunger Sprint
Zero Hunger Incubator
Teens Tackle Hunger Initiative

13
Organization
Partners

18
Teen
Interns

100+
Preparation
Hours

3000+
Meals
Shared

Summer 2024: **Sparkbiz Immersive**

111
Teen
Participants

43
STEM &
ICE House
Certifications

14
Startup
Ventures
Pitched

We are transforming the world from what it is **into what it will be through innovation.**

- Jenifer P, echo participant

Fall 2024: **Teens Tackle Sustainability**

Sustainability Sprint
Sustainability Incubator
More to come in 2025



“Being part of echo doesn’t just affect Durham, **it affects you as a person.**”

- CJ W, echo participant

Our **For Entrepreneurs, By Entrepreneurs** approach to adult programming is an essential part of our mission. Through workshops and our echo advisory board, we aim to uplift real entrepreneurs in our community.

2024 Adult Programming by the Numbers:



Adult Cohorts



Adult Entrepreneurs



Hours of Training



Hours of Mentorship



Entrepreneur Spotlights:



Main Street Incubator– Diana Abreu

I think [echo] is very important. In terms of growth and sustainability, a person who tries to do it by themselves can only go so far. So I think it's a very cool idea that echo is coming up with, with the entrepreneurs building entrepreneurs. I think that's going to be a cool thing"



1 Blossom 2 Bloom

expanded its E-Commerce to a brick and mortar at BoxYard

Where We're Going Next:

By adopting the "Entrepreneurs Building Entrepreneurs" model, we are creating a space where collective knowledge and experience fuel individual success.

Like a modern-day YMCA, the EBE community will offer a membership-based model where entrepreneurs can access valuable resources, meet like-minded individuals, and accelerate their ventures in a supportive environment.

We aren't just building businesses; we're building entrepreneurs.