

The Problem

Due to staff training and major, exciting changes to school lunch programs, DPS closed kitchens for 4 weeks, leaving **16,800 children without access to meals.**

The Solution

echo teens decided to help their peers by launching two ventures to **fill the gap by serving 3,000+ meals** for Durham youth and families.



4,500+

On-site at the 8 events + deliveries to community groups, neighborhoods, and fridges.



13

Organizational Partners



7

Corporate Sponsors



18

Teen Entrepreneurs

Teens Farmer's Market

4 Farmer's Market Events at Lakewood Social and ReCity. Meals, produce bags, swag, DJ and games.



1,019

Meals shared



470

Produce Bags

Food Truck Events

4 Food Trucks posts at local churches and Duke Clinic. Boxed meals, produce, hygiene supplies.



945

Meals shared



655

Produce Bags

Partners & Sponsors

ReCity, Inter-Faith Food Shuttle, Lakewood Social, StepUp Durham, Bike Durham, LILA, Durham Cares, Porch Durham, Don't Waste Durham, Sew Crafty, ROOT Causes, Triangle Party Rentals and Changed Paths.

Durham Public Schools Foundation, Blue Cross & Blue Shield, McNab & Company, Courageous Insights, besti, Duke Office of Durham and Community Affairs and Simon Says Dip This!



18

Teen Internships



6

Pop Up Locations in Durham



100+

Hours of Preparation



8

Week Internship



“The collaboration between echo and Inter-Faith Food Shuttle is a testament to the power of community and innovation. We are incredibly proud of the positive impact this initiative and the inspiring next generation of changemakers and social innovators have made. Together, we are making a difference, one meal at a time.”

-Inter-Faith Food Shuttle Team Member



“A truly humbling and inspiring experience. It was hard but I learned so much about our community, and it was inspiring to see everyone come together.”
- Ana P

“Patience. Persistence. Communication.” CJ W.

“One valuable lesson I learned during this experience is how many people in our community need food and resources.” - Leila L.

“The biggest setback I faced was recruiting volunteers for the farmer's market. The keys to overcoming this setback were patience and persistence.” - Kate M.

“This opportunity provided me with a new perspective on the importance of community collaboration and the challenges that come with seeking support.” - Madison P.

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