



## **What does the ECHO Council actually do?**

The ECHO Council acts as a force for positive community change by raising critical questions and by bringing people together to develop solutions that serve the interests of all residents. The Council serves as a think tank generating innovative ideas and continually evaluating existing strategies that advance the ECHO Council's mission of building trusting relationships across lines of difference. Members engage in a variety of individual, small-group, and large-group experiences designed to allow them to build trusting relationships with one another.

## **The action within the ECHO Council...**

The ECHO Council meets bi-monthly to learn about community issues, consider opportunities for building social capital, set strategic direction, review progress, and strengthen relationships among members.

However, the majority of the "action" occurs within the various committees, programs teams and Conversation Groups which generally meet monthly and involvement is opened to the community at-large except where indicated. It is during these meetings/gatherings that action-oriented tasks are discussed and implemented.

## **Current and Future ECHO Council Activities**

*Winston-Salem, Can We Talk?* - These conversations are a way to bring diverse people together to discuss issues and get to know each other. Open to the entire Winston-Salem community, Winston-Salem Can We Talk bridges networking and relationship-building with dialogue focused on specific topics.

[StoryLine Project](#) - StoryLine is a local story sharing initiative which invites Winston-Salem/Forsyth County residents to tell their stories in a welcoming and comfortable environment. These stories will be shared with the community via the Internet, radio and at local venues. The goal is to illuminate the rich diversity of voices throughout our community and to celebrate our history, hopes and common humanity.

*WS Time Banking Network* - For an hour of your time doing something you like to do for someone else, you can receive a Time Dollar to exchange for something that you need done. The time banking model is used all around the country.

**If you are interested in learning more about getting involved with the ECHO Council please call 336-499-4402 or email [natasha@echocouncil.org](mailto:natasha@echocouncil.org).**