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## **The Support Center Serves As Host For DukeEngage Program**

The Support Center will officially serve as a host organization for two Duke University students as part of the university's DukeEngage program. The DukeEngage program is a part of the Duke Center for Civic Engagement. It provides funding for Duke undergraduates who wish to pursue an intensive (minimum of eight weeks) civic engagement experience anywhere in the world. Through DukeEngage, students apply what they have learned in the classroom to address societal issues at home or abroad. Not only do students tackle real-world problems, but they develop the valuable skills and self-knowledge that evolve from spending time in an immersive service experience.

Joining The Support Center are sophomore Derek Williams and junior Ryan O'Connor. Both students will participate in the implementation and on-going development of the organization's Youth Education and Outreach Program (YEO). Though this is an opportunity for the students to utilize their previous experiences in community service, they will also have an opportunity to become engaged in the development of strategic and grassroots efforts designed to have a tangible impact on the youth market in LMI communities. "We are happy to have the opportunity to collaborate with The Support Center this year," says Domonique Redmond, Assistant Director of Programs at the Duke Community Service Center. "We want to continue to expand our list of Durham community partners interested in exposing our students to the issues that shape their work while providing growth opportunities that will extend beyond graduation from Duke."

In 2008, The Support Center began piloting the YEO program with Greater Kinston Credit Union. Plans to expand the program are underway. Currently, the organization is working with the communications agency Capstrat to develop additional programs and to promote volunteerism in youth financial education. The goal is to provide practical and marketable tools that will aid in the development of today's youth that will be the foundation for financial advancement. For more information about the Youth Education Outreach Program, contact Kimberly Knox, Director of Marketing at [kknnox@ncmsc.org](mailto:kknnox@ncmsc.org) or 919.530.1683 ext. 222. Contact Domonique Redmond to learn how you can become involved with the DukeEngage Program at [domonique.redmond@duke.edu](mailto:domonique.redmond@duke.edu) or call 919.684.4377.