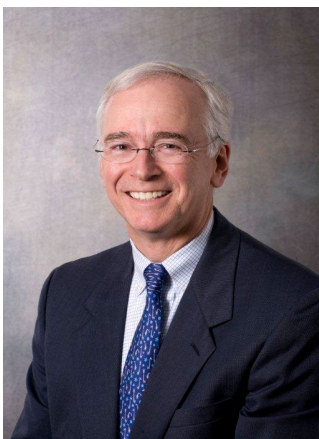




2024 Annual Echo Award Ceremony & Gala Reception

THE ECHO FOUNDATION
2024 Annual Award Celebration
Honoring Charles Bowman, Executive in Residence, UNC Charlotte
Keynote Panel: Echoes of Wiesel
Monday, September 16, 2024 | 6:00 – 9:30 PM
Wells Fargo Auditorium & The Bechtler Museum of Modern Art



Charles Bowman

Executive in Residence at UNC Charlotte

2024 Echo Award Against Indifference

Join us as we honor Charles Bowman with the 2024 Echo Award Against Indifference for his long-standing commitment to the Charlotte community. Mr. Bowman currently serves as Executive in Residence at UNC Charlotte after retiring in 2022 as the President for North Carolina and Charlotte at Bank of America.

Each year, the Echo Award Against Indifference honors those individuals in the Charlotte region and beyond who personify our mission to promote human dignity, justice, and moral courage through positive, effective action for humankind. In the Charlotte community Bowman has served on numerous civic committees and on governing boards of nonprofit organizations. He continues to serve today on the Boards of Atrium Health (Charlotte Mecklenburg Hospital Authority), the North Carolina Partnership for Children, Greater Charlotte YMCA, City of Charlotte Arts and Culture Committee and the North Carolina Railroad. In 2024, Bowman was honored with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

Mr. Bowman joins a long list of esteemed honorees. Learn more [here](#).

“Reinventing Diplomacy”

We are pleased to present ECHOES OF ELIE WIESEL, visiting Echo Student Alums, scattered across the globe today, return to Charlotte to share their stories, their career paths, and the impact of Echo and the legacy of Elie Wiesel on their lives. In these urgent times, what can we learn from our young people about the positive opportunities inherent in diplomacy?



“Our obligation is to give meaning to life and in doing so to overcome the passive, indifferent life.” – Elie Wiesel, Nobel Peace Laureate and Echo Co-Founder

What we do

The Echo Foundation empowers the next generation with the knowledge and tools to create a better world.

Why we exist

We believe in the power of education to inspire students to become the voices of conscience necessary to create a future built on human dignity, tolerance and justice.

Our story

The Echo Foundation was created in 1997 by Nobel Peace Laureate Elie Wiesel and educator and therapist Stephanie Ansaldo to lift those voices of human dignity, justice and moral courage who are driving positive action for humankind. Since, Echo has educated over 745,000 of students by equipping teachers with curricula about global humanitarian issues and creating opportunities for students to take what they’ve learned in the classroom out into the world.

Our initiatives

Voices Against Indifference: A curriculum-based educational program, VAI connects high school students with global humanitarians (over 35 world leaders and 15 Nobel Laureates) who exemplify the power of the individual to make a difference.

Footsteps Global Initiative: Provides regional youth with the opportunity to learn about, travel to and serve locations of humanitarian importance, while offering a global perspective.

Books Beyond Borders: Students collect gently used and new books to create and furnish libraries for children around the world.

Living Together in the 21st Century: Living Together in the 21st Century is a curriculum-based education outreach project for 2nd-grade students to teach problem-solving strategies, conflict resolution and respect for others.

Forum for Hope: Designed to promote social responsibility among regional business, faith and education institutions from the top down, the Forum for Hope is an opportunity for community leaders to connect with global humanitarians.

“What can ONE person do?” - Stephanie Ansaldo, Echo President and Co-Founder