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## ADDISON COUNTY FOOD ACCELERATOR

### MISSION

To offer support, education, and mentorship to entrepreneurs in all aspects of the food systems to develop and grow independent and sustainable businesses in Addison County

### VISION

#### **Space Creation**

Create a space where entrepreneurs of all types can work and network with each other to create a robust food system that is local and built from the ground up.

#### **Education**

Educate users by creating an active learning environment

- Food Safety and Sanitation
- Marketing and Sales
- Label Design and Compliance
- HVAC, Electrical, and Plumbing
- Distribution and Logistics

#### **Creative Inspiration**

A community of inspired business people that grow their businesses by sharing in the creative energy of an incubator space centered on the economic cluster of food systems

- Socialization vs. Isolation
- Shared Problem Solving
- Support and Encouragement In Failure
- Peer to Peer Critiquing of Ideas
- Prototype Building

#### **Work Based Learning**

A safe environment where high school and college students can learn from developing entrepreneurs.

- Guest lectures
- Job Shadows
- Apprenticeships