This simple exercise sparks dialogue between neighbors about their connections to places in Durham. By creating informal drawings of meaningful places, residents will have the opportunity to share stories and ideas with each other.

**MATERIALS: PENS/PENCILS/MARKERS + LEGAL SIZE PAPER**

Using pens/pencils/markers, draw your life in Durham. You can draw streets, landmarks, important buildings, stories, memories, places of importance, etc. This is a drawing of your life in Durham, so draw what is important to you in your neighborhood.

Once you have finished drawing your life in Durham, share it with the rest of the group. Focus on sharing stories and memories as they relate to different places in Durham.

After all of drawings have been shared, connect them to one another. Questions to consider: "What do the drawings have in common?" + "What is missing from them?" + "How do they tell the story of Durham?" + "How has your life in Durham changed?"


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