



THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
**SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP**  
 VENTURE CHALLENGE

## FINALISTS

Organization	Business Description	Location
codeSpark	<b>Provoke computer science-</b> codeSpark's mission is to ignite curiosity about computer science and turn programming into play. codeSpark's virtual world, called The Foos, teaches the ABC's of computer science through a combination of structured challenges and creative play. The "no words" interface has allowed kids as young as 4 years old in over 150 countries to play.	Pasadena, CA
Colibri	<b>Solar installations-</b> Colibrí sells pay-as-you-go solar solutions to low-income, off-grid households to make the transition to wealthier, healthier, happier livelihoods. Currently active in Nicaragua and focused on Latin America.	Matagalpa, Nicaragua
COMPRA	The <b>Community Markets Purchasing Real and Affordable (COMPRA)</b> Foods purchasing cooperative serves as an alternative food distribution system for small grocery and convenience stores in underserved Los Angeles neighborhoods that lack easy access to healthy and affordable food.	Los Angeles, CA
Co-pilots in Care	<b>End-of-life education-</b> Co-Pilots help patients get the care they want by facilitating reflection and then communication of the patient's medical wishes to their family members and physicians, resulting in a better quality of life and a reduction of unwanted treatment.	Menlo Park, CA
Desolenator	<b>Water purification-</b> Desolinator produces the most affordable (\$0.005/L), eco-friendly household water purification/desalination device on the market. Their globally patented technology uses sunlight to turn all forms of dirty water (ie. seawater, brackish, groundwater, river water, well water) into drinking water.	London
Lifeboat SPC	<b>Music ed thru app-</b> Began with a free music educational app, BandBlast, launched in June 2015( <a href="http://www.bandblast.com">www.bandblast.com</a> ). Now generating for-profit apps which will self-fund the free version and generate revenue.	Los Angeles, CA
Localism	<b>Agregating locally made products-</b> Localism is a platform to accelerate the local marketplace, filling gaps and increasing access in the economy for a more independent, self-reliant community. In the early growth phase, launched a 12,500 sq ft incubator called MADE in downtown Long Beach, which is fostering over 100 entrepreneurs, including 11 businesses that have launched at MADE in as many months.	Long Beach, CA

Micro Farms	<b>Turnkey, offgrid hydroponics-</b> Selling a turnkey off-grid hydroponic greenhouse complete with LED grow lights, climate control and solar panels within a refurbished shipping container. The greenhouse come with training at MicroFarms University and access to FSA micro loans. Grower-entrepreneurs have clear path to grow their farming operation from a small single box operation, to a large scale commercial farm.	San Diego, CA
East Afirca Fruits Farm	<b>Eco-farming-</b> Produce and sell fresh fruits and vegetables while making use of modern technology in production, storage, handling and transportation for better yield. The goal is to benefit farmers by increasing their incomes through a franchising model where they use our land at best conditions, then we buy their produce and through buying from out-growers hence reducing losses suffered by farmers selling to middlemen.	Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania
Murgency	<b>Online connecting-</b> Murgency is a mobile application which connects people who need emergency response with their trusted network, and / or credentialed medical, safety, rescue and assistance professionals as the situation requires and the individual in emergency requests. Murgency will save lives, provide support and render assistance that is currently unavailable in most developing countries.	San Francisco, CA
Takachar	Pioneered a process for <b>low-cost pretreatment and densification of biomass</b> at source (i.e. at the level of small farms where biomass originates) which opens up new rural areas with biomass that previously have been deemed too far away to serve as an economic fuel. Producing fuel from low-quality biomass will also increase incomes for distributed small-holder farmers.	Cambridge, MA
Thrive LA	<b>Ultra-affordable, off-grid tiny houses</b> in which all the community members have jobs within the community, starting with doing vertical farming. the first community will focus on returning veterans and homeless veterans who are able to work and don't need significant supportive services.	Encino, CA