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~ The Upper Room's 40th Anniversary Creates Positive Changes ~

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The Upper Room Family Resource Center in Derry is celebrating 40 years in the community this July. During the last 4 decades The Upper Room has focused on educational and family programs and is currently offering more than 20 child and family, teen and young adult programs aimed at “strengthening individual and families by providing them with the education, services and resources needed to lead healthy and self-sufficient lives.” This coming year The Upper Room will host a variety of celebrations and milestones that will honor the organization and its board, donors’ volunteers and community.

As part of its strategic plan the agency is rebranding and will be updating its logo, website and marketing strategies to adapt with the trends of 2026. A new addition will begin starting April 1, in front of the building and will offer a centralized welcome space and more offices for its staff when complete. The Upper Room will continue to offer services and programs and invites guests to enter through the back parking lot into door 1.

The Board of Directors and Staff will convene for its annual Board Staff dinner, highlighting some of the great things happening for the agency and the community. And later in the summer a ribbon cutting celebrating the agencies 40th anniversary will occur in unison with the Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce.

“It is hard to believe that this year this agency turns 40 in July, it seems like yesterday we were celebrating our 30th.” States Brenda Guggisberg current Executive Director. “We are also celebrating a milestone 25th Annual Auction so it feels like a year of constant celebrating and looking back at so many wonderful people and collaborations. I can say with certainty that this organization has had the fortune of extreme support, care from the larger community, and teens and families who are living their best lives, which is an amazing testament to the resilience in people and goodness in the hearts of those who can help.” Guggisberg continues.

The agency will host several events throughout the year in which celebration will be part of the theme, including the Annual Ice Cram Social and other large community engagement activities. Stay tuned for updates and changes and please join in celebrating at one of our events throughout the year.

About The Upper Room

Founded in 1986, The Upper Room, a Family Resource Center is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization committed to strengthening individuals and families by providing them with the education, services and

resources needed to lead healthy, self-sufficient lives. Our center is a warm, welcoming place where families receive information and support not only in times of crisis but on a day-to-day basis. We place no boundaries on service, and help all who come to our center seeking support. For more information, call (603) 437-8477, or visit our website at URteachers.org

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