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~ The Upper Room Celebrates 40 years in the community !~

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On August 19th, 2026, The Upper Room, a Family Resource Center in Derry celebrated 40 years in the community. A dream that Claire Hamilton had over 40 years ago has become the programs and services that founders Claire Hamilton and Anna Willis began 40 years ago. The Upper Room has expanded over the years with a renovation in which Claire wrote the grant for the old barn to be torn down and built the teen center in 1996. This past year, The Upper Room put on an addition which added much needed office space and a new welcome area and reception center for its' guests. The Upper Room has stayed true to offering educational programs that support children, youth and families and each service or program fits within those goals.

"It has been an honor to uphold the original tenets and ideas that Claire and Anna dreamed of. The team, Board, and volunteers that work at The Upper Room are an example of excellence and dedication". States Brenda Guggisberg the Executive Director. "We are fortunate to be in a community where collaboration and partnership is an expectation, and we embrace the deep and long connections with this community".

The Upper Room is excited that following this large celebration it will host its 25th Annual Auction Gala at Tupelo Music Hall November 6th at 5:30 PM. To purchase tickets please go to WWW.URTeachers.org Or call 603-437-8477 x 110.

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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