



Celebrating  
**20** years



**It's Unity Barn Raisers' 20th birthday this year!** In our 20 years of existence, we have served western Waldo County in many important ways, including purchasing and renovating the Unity Community Center, which serves as a vital space for our community.

The Community Center, with over 15,000 visits per year, meets the needs of our community through nutrition, wellness, fitness, education, civic engagement, and emergency services. These include:

- providing a commercial kitchen utilized for our Community Meal program, The Open Door soup kitchen and a weekly free lunch program, and affordable rental for production of value-added products.
- offering an affordable community gym as well as diverse fitness classes
- providing space for food pantry educational programs focusing on nutrition and food preservation
- hosting the weekly Unity Farmers' Market
- providing space for town committee meetings
- offering programs for residents such as Bridge Club, sewing classes, Tea and Game Time
- offering programs such as New Years' Eve celebration, Day of Service, and Earth Day
- serving as a home base for regional volunteerism and civic engagement
- serving as a 24 hour per day warming center and emergency shelter equipped with a public bathroom, free internet access, and a free community phone for emergency and local calls.

Today the Community Center is in urgent need of improvement including replacing the rotting eastern sill, replacing the kitchen floor, installing heat pumps and LED lights, and insulation. UBR has recently been awarded two grants that will support these crucial structural and energy upgrades. These grants are matching grants, which means we need to raise the remaining funds from our community.

In celebration of our milestone anniversary, we are launching a 20th year anniversary renovation campaign to raise **\$20,000 from our community** in order to complete the total project that will address these critical needs.

**We need your support.**

**Please help us reach our goal of \$20,000 by August 31st, 2016.** With your support, we will be able to complete the necessary infrastructure and energy upgrades to **OUR** Community Center to ensure that we can meet the needs of a growing community for many years to come.

In gratitude,

Unity Barn Raisers Board of Directors and Staff



Donations of all sizes are welcomed.  
Please send donations to  
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