



Community Pulls Together to Donate Kitchen to The Upper Room, a Family Resource Center

Finishing touches on kitchen remodel taking place this week

Derry, NH, May 5, 2015 – A project almost 11 months in the making is coming to fruition this week, as finishing touches on an entire kitchen remodel are done at The Upper Room, a Family Resource Center. The community non-profit was in dire need of a remodeled kitchen to serve over 14,000 people through its food pantry, and other programs.

Both businesses and individuals have donated to this cause. The project's beginnings are traced back to June of 2014 when T-Bones of Derry raised \$6,300 through its Prize Wheel Promotion, all of which was donated directly to The Upper Room. An additional \$1,800 was raised through individual donors to The Upper Room. Cyr Lumber and Home Center of Windham, NH are the contractors overseeing the renovation project; donating time, design, labor, and product to the effort, and reaching out to other vendors to secure product donations.

Construction began in March of 2015, when the entire kitchen was stripped down to its bones. Since then, plumbing work has been done, new flooring and cabinetry has been installed, and a fresh coat of paint has brightened up the space. The last step of the renovation includes the installation of beautiful new countertops, decorations, and some paint touch-ups.

"The Upper Room's kitchen serves critical functions for the children and families we serve," stated Brenda Guggisberg, Program Coordinator at The Upper Room. It is used as a place to teach families how to cook nutritious meals on a budget, it is where our staff cooks meals for our program participants, and it functions as our food pantry which serves families every week. We are overwhelmed by the generosity of Cyr Lumber and others in the community that have wrapped their arms around this project, and are truly grateful for the beautiful and functional kitchen we can now be proud to share."

Commercial donors to the effort include Cyr Lumber and Home Center, American Pride Woodworking / Frank LeBlanc, Dekton, Kohler, nora systems, Quartz and Stone Creations, Sterling Plumbing, T-Bones of Derry, The Granite Group, and Wilsonart.

To arrange time to visit The Upper Room as the remodel wraps up, please contact Brenda Guggisberg at 603-437-8477 or bguggisberg@urteachers.org. For other press-related inquiries, please contact Emily Murphy at emurphy@urteachers.org.

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About The Upper Room

Founded in 1986, The Upper Room, A Family Resource Center is a non-profit 501(C) 3 organization committed to creating educational programs and services, which strengthen individuals, families and the community. 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. There are no barriers, income guidelines or geographic

limitations to participation. Our doors are open to all who come to them. For more information, call (603) 437-8477, or visit our website at www.URteachers.org