

BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY'S FUTURE:

A SAFE, NEW AVENUE A TEEN CENTER FOR LOCAL YOUTH!



What is happening?

We're receiving 1 million dollars to build a permanent home for our Avenue Teen Center! This project is funded by the Community Center Investment Program & administered by the NH Community Development Finance Authority.

Construction is projected to begin in Sept 2024 & will be completed by Aug 2025.

The new center will be built as an addition to The Grapevine's main building at 4 Aiken St in Antrim.

Why is this exciting?

Our new Teen Center location will support our growing teen programs by providing:

- Space to run multiple programs simultaneously, **doubling our capacity** to offer activities for youth
- Capacity to serve more teens
- Accessible outdoor space for learning and recreation
- Safe pedestrian access & parking
- **Improved accessibility** for people with disabilities with a more open, maneuverable floor plan
- Ability to reach more teens & their families with services offered at The Grapevine



EARLY RENDERING

HAVING A NEW TEEN CENTER MEANS OUR TEENS WILL HAVE A SAFE & ADEQUATE SPACE TO LEARN FOUNDATIONAL LIFE SKILLS & DEVELOP INTO SUCCESSFUL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY!

What is the money for? The forgivable loan we have been granted covers construction of an addition at The Grapevine for Avenue A including surveying, site work & other building expenses.

What is the money not for? The forgivable loan is for construction of the addition only. It cannot be used to support operations, programs, or services of Avenue A or The Grapevine.

How you can help! Become an ambassador for the project & share this news with friends & neighbors! Help with upcoming Grapevine/Avenue A fundraisers to raise support for our programs!

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AVENUE A
TEEN + COMMUNITY CENTER



WHY IS THIS PROJECT SO NEEDED?

We're staying responsive to our teens and community...

We've outgrown our current space! Teens are responding enthusiastically to the support we offer —**participation in our programs has tripled since 2016.**

Our new Center will expand opportunities for career & life skill training, social emotional development, & mentorship for youth in our region.

We're creating a cohesive hub of support...

Moving Avenue A to the Grapevine **completes our hub of wrap around support & resources**, becoming more accessible to teens & families with a co-located space including family access to basic needs support & high quality programs and service such as kinship navigation (supporting relative caregivers), parent support programs, home visiting, & other forms of one to one support.

The Grapevine is also strategically located along a main bus route for SAU 1, allowing middle & high school students bus transportation to our programs.

"I LOVE AVENUE A BECAUSE I CAN GET OUT IN THE COMMUNITY, MAKE FRIENDS, UNWIND, & JUST BE MYSELF... A LOT OF TEENS GO AROUND WITH A MASK ON, BUT WHEN THEY COME TO AVENUE A THEY CAN BE WHO THEY ARE." ~ RJ, Avenue A Alumni



We've been planning this for years!

Just like Avenue A teens learn to plan for a bright & successful future, **this project was informed by years of development & planning.** This includes wide-reaching youth surveys assessing needs & what teens want from Avenue A & its space as well as two strategic plans for Avenue A & the Grapevine developed by teens, parents, school representatives, volunteers, & staff.

About The Grapevine & Avenue A...

Based in primary prevention, The Grapevine's mission is to promote family & community health and well being through support, education, & the sharing of resources. **As a Teen Center embedded in a Designated Family Resource Center of Quality, Avenue A is a unique model in NH.** Teens will always face risks & challenges, but we offer a network of prevention-based strategies that equip young people to succeed.

Avenue A's creation in 2007 was born out of a community effort to create a safe place for youth. Avenue A listens to the needs of youth and provides multi-generational support for entire families. **We partner with rural teens age 11-19 to build resilience, navigate challenging circumstances, & develop young leaders.** With the support of over 60 volunteers, we run year-round afternoon & evening enrichment programs for teens. 300 teens from 18 towns participate in Avenue A programs offered at no cost. We connect teens with community & supportive adults--factors that protect against risky behaviors & promote mental well-being.

