# Please Help us Help Others!

**Community needs are on the rise.....**

The Barn, as a small nonprofit youth center, has provided quality programs and events for local youth and their families for over 20 years. However, due to the economic hardships COVID has brought on us your support is critical to making sure we continue to be there for those that need us.

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**Empowering Through Creativity and Community**

The Barn empowers young people to pursue their interests and passions: encouraging a sense of community through creativity, music and the arts in a safe and supportive environment.

**Our doors are open to everyone!**
The Barn is committed to embracing, nurturing and preserving a culture of inclusion and acceptance. Our community thrives from sharing unique experiences, perspectives and knowledge. Together we build each other up and we are better and stronger when we are all connected. There is always room on our stage, and at our events, for you to shine; regardless of race, gender, religion, skill or economic status.

**Our vision is to further evolve and identify the ever changing needs of our youth and our community.**
We want to continue working collaboratively with local organizations to be a resource and a partner. When a need is identified we want to be able to provide programs that meet those needs while enriching the experiences of our youth. We will continue to strive to find resources to keep our promise to never turn away a child due to financial ability and keep our doors open to everyone.

**From the day its doors opened in May of 2000**, The Barn has had more than 80,000 participants in its programming which has consisted of large theatrical productions, middle school dances, summer camps, interactive workshops, singing showcases, and so much more. Special events included the annual daddy daughter dance, haunted houses, banquets, co-sponsored events for other organizations, and open mic nights.

**Since March of last year,** The Barn and its programs had to adjust in order to fulfill the needs of the community while following the new safety precautions in place to prevent the spread of Covid. We started transforming our theater programs to use multimedia tools, such as digitally mixing individual audio tracks and filming actors individually in order to create a final product with all the actors, that is shared through a viewing party instead of filling a theater.

**As for new programs**, The Barn started Boredom Busters with online trivia/game nights and then (following requests from parents) Adult Trivia Nights began. As quarantine began to lift The Barn was able to re-open its doors to a limited number of programs and they looked VERY different than before with distanced tables/chairs, lower class sizes, and a full screening process before entering the building. Programs like our Structured Study Hall were created to fulfill a need within the community to have such a safe and quiet place where students could take part in their distance learning while their focus and progress are monitored by a moderator. The Barn also recognized the need for sharing some joy and making connections and began making deliveries of Treat Bags for Halloween, Snowball (Hot Cocoa Bombs), and Hot Chocolate Heart Bombs for Valentines Day. With the arrival of 2021, The Barn launched our New Year, New You Health & Wellness Challenge. This FREE 8 week program will include weekly workshop/check-in meetings, Instructional workshops & videos, Zumba classes and MORE. All designed to help support people while they work on improving their mind, body and soul.

**Please consider VOTING for us and supporting local youth.**