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"With zero interest financing and no up-front costs, we could make necessary updates while investing in a more efficient building to benefit us for years to come."

Whitneyville Cultural Commons Founder Laine Harris

Community Center Opens Doors Year-Round with Energy Efficient Building Upgrades

Two historic buildings in the Whitneyville neighborhood of Hamden were purchased with a vision to create a community center. Laine Harris and his wife, Jennifer, set out to renovate and revitalize the Whitneyville Cultural Commons to welcome coworking, social and cultural events, community education programming and more.

Energy efficiency incentives identified by UI helped the family perform various upgrades, including the installation of units with controlled air conditioning and heat pumps, pipe insulation, new energy recovery ventilation and LED lighting retrofits. The changes facilitate better overall maintenance, alleviating moisture content in the air and providing temperature control to preserve the wood and paint of the historic buildings.

The family began renovating the beautiful structures while still allowing the small church population to continue calling the building home each Sunday. The center is now used as a meeting place for Quinnipiac University graduates, dance and concert events, theater productions and as a place of worship.

Project:

Whitneyville Cultural Commons

Measures:

Installation of new AC/Heat pump and energy recovery ventilation, pipe insulation and new LED lighting fixtures

Fund Incentive:

\$14,024

Energy Savings:

21,185 kWh electricity/year
1,474 ccf natural gas/year

Cost Savings:

\$3,813 electricity/year
\$1,842 gas/year



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