



united teen equality center GREEN BUILDING



Soon to be the Oldest LEED Platinum Building in Country!

Since 1999, the United Teen Equality Center (UTEC) has been a hub of activity for peace, positivity and empowerment for Lowell's highest-risk youth. In 2006, we purchased a historic church building in downtown Lowell to ensure a permanent home for UTEC. During 2011-2012, we will be working to complete a new three floor addition (7,500 SF) and extensive upgrades to the historic building, turning UTEC's youth center into a **LEED Platinum certified green building**.

What does sustainability mean to UTEC?

Youth Living Sustainable Lives

UTEC's mission is to ignite and nurture the ambition of Lowell's disconnected young people to trade violence and poverty for social and economic success. The completed building will allow UTEC to double the number of youth served by our Workforce Development and Education programs.

Connecting to the Environment

The building's unique green design features a 34kW Photovoltaic Panel System, Solar Chimney, Electric Vehicle Charging Station, Passive Cooling System, Recycled materials, and natural lighting.

Fostering a Sustainable Community

UTEC aims to engage and connect the youth and community of Lowell in programming, outreach, and environmental education to cultivate sustainability.

Building Highlights:

- A youth-run Cafe that is open to the public. Featuring a commercial kitchen, the Cafe will highlight locally sourced food and support food security for the community. The kitchen will also be rented after UTEC programming hours to positively catalyze local business development and growth.
- As a hub for green education, the Cafe will include the Green Resource Center with interactive displays.
- The building will also contain conference and performance space, dedicated classrooms, and multi-media production facilities for UTEC's youth, which will be available for rental.

Partnership Opportunities:

Current Partners:

- Include CISCO Systems, Honeywell, and Comcast

Visibility:

- a range of recognition for all partners due to high level of publicity
- hundreds of visitors each month including homeowners, contractors, and design and engineering professionals
- beacon for those looking to learn how to build green and identify companies that are models in this area

Exhibitions:

- The Green Resource Center is a prime location to exhibit green products and business solutions



Get Involved!

- Tour the facility during and after construction.
- Hire UTEC's FRESH crews for catering, building maintenance, or multi-media.
- Participate in or host trainings, workshops, or events.
- Rent our fully functional conference and performance center space.
- Sponsor an element of the green building and your name will become part of our facility.
- Donate to support the new green building.

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