



November 10, 2024

Dear Friends of the Capital City Grange Hall,

Over the last number of years, together we've made many improvements to ensure the Grange Hall remains a safe, vibrant, and welcoming space. Recently, we've started to focus on a critically important feature that is invisible but that is so important to our health and well-being: improving the hall's air quality to ensure a comfortable environment for the hall's many community gatherings.

In 2021, we installed eight Corsi-Rosenthal boxes, a DIY air filtration system used in many schools during the pandemic to reduce airborne viruses and other particulates. While effective, the boxes are noisy, and Hall users often turn them off. As we've enhanced the building's energy efficiency by reducing air leaks, it's become clear that a more sophisticated air filtration and ventilation system is essential.

After consulting with Efficiency Vermont and HVAC contractors, we've developed a phased plan to install quieter, code-compliant ventilation and filtration systems that will meet the Grange Hall's air quality needs for events that are big or small. Critically, the improved system will operate quietly. We plan to install remote activation and monitoring functions—just like our heating and Wi-Fi systems—to maximize energy efficiency.

The total cost to fully ventilate and filtrate the building's indoor air is estimated at ~\$129,000 which we plan to raise in stages. Our first goal is to ventilate the main floor, a project that will cost about \$46,000. Later, we will address the ground floor ventilation and air filtration for both floors. While this is an ambitious project that may take a few years to fully complete, it's vital for the long-term health and safety of everyone who uses the hall that we move forward—step by step, or in this case, fan by fan.

In September, the Montpelier Contra Dance dedicated the proceeds of its annual *Challenge Fundraiser* to the project, with \$5,250 raised! At present, we have about \$20,000 saved towards our first fundraising goal of \$46,000. In the months ahead we will apply for grants that often require a dollar-for-dollar match.

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Our Mission

The Friends of the Capital City Grange Hall is a non-profit whose purpose is to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Hall as a venue for traditional dance, music, song, and other arts and as a meeting place in Central Vermont for individuals and organizations. The Friends support the maintenance, improvement, and public promotion of the Hall.

Donations to the FCCGH are tax-deductible.

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Mail checks payable to FCCGH to P.O. Box 192, Northfield Falls, VT 05664

We ask you, our community, to support air-quality at the Hall. Your donation will ensure that the Grange remains a healthy, vibrant space for all. No contribution is too small, and every dollar brings us closer to our goal.

Please donate today. Together, we can continue to create a space that brings us all together—safely and comfortably.

Warm regards,

The Board of Directors
Friends of the Capital City Grange
Hall



At the Challenge Finale Dance on September 2nd, we completed raising \$5,250 to kick off this project's multi-phased campaign.

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