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AMAZING \$15,000 ANONYMOUS DONATION ASTOUNDS FAMILIES FIRST COMMUNITY CENTER!

ELLSWORTH - Families First Community Center has received a \$15,000 ANONYMOUS donation to help finance the Renovation Fund for their Home!

“This incredibly generous donation came as a complete surprise to us,” said Dawn Carter Coffin, president of the board of directors. “We are so thrilled! It was like a miracle to us just when we needed it. This money will go a very long way towards enabling Families First Community Center to make the needed renovations to the Home we are preparing to purchase in Ellsworth. This Home will house and

educate homeless parents with minor children. We are especially excited to receive this benevolent grant as it came right out of the blue from an Anonymous source! It is so gratifying to FFCC to know that such kind people are out there that support our mission,” she added.

The number one cause of homelessness in Hancock County is generational poverty, which affects multiple generations. Parents need help with life skills so they can be self-sufficient. The National Council to End Homelessness highly recommends these homes that teach life skills and offer referrals, education, medical, and safety planning. The center is currently raising the money for needed renovations.

“This grant is a MAJOR milestone for FFCC,” Coffin continued. With this grant, Families First Community Center now has ONE-HALF (\$65,000) of the \$130,000 needed for the renovations. “We are hoping that now that we are at the halfway point, donations may speed up for this very needed mission,” she added.

The nonprofit Families First Community Center was founded in 2015 with a mission to **break the cycle of homelessness** before it is passed down to the next generation. It equips families with minor children with the housing and skills they need to gain self-sufficiency. Residents will be required to work 40 hours per week towards this goal. The Home opening is planned for late 2017. For more information, to donate funds or materials, or to volunteer, call 460-3711, mail PO Box 951 in Ellsworth, email familiesfirstellsworth@gmail.com or visit www.familiesfirstellsworth.org.

Families First Community Center wishes to thank this generous and loving Anonymous person!

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