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AMAZING \$30,000 ANONYMOUS GRANT FROM MAINE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ASTOUNDS FAMILIES FIRST COMMUNITY CENTER!

ELLSWORTH - Families First Community Center has received a \$30,000 ANONYMOUS grant to help finance the Renovation Fund for their Home!

“This incredibly generous grant came as a complete surprise to us,” said Dawn Carter Coffin, president of the board of directors. “We are so thrilled! We are scheduled to close on the FFCC Home and required renovations at 41 North Street, Ellsworth, in October. For this, we needed to raise \$130,000 for the down payment. With this completely generous grant of \$30,000 from an Anonymous source of the Maine Community Foundation, we are now confident that we will reach our goal in time!”

The FFCC 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 and that the Maine Community Foundation exists to help,” 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. Residents will be required to work 40 hours per week towards this goal. The center is currently raising the money for needed renovations.

“This grant is a huge milestone for FFCC,” Coffin continued. With this grant, Families First Community Center now has \$110,000 of the \$130,000 needed for the renovations and are much more sure of making the deadline. “We are hoping that the last \$20,000 might come quickly and get us to our goal 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. For more information, to donate funds or materials, or to volunteer, or to advertise your business in FFCC’s upcoming fundraiser “A Gourmet Experience,” call 460-3711, mail PO Box 951 in Ellsworth, email familiesfirstellsworth@gmail.com or visit www.familiesfirstellsworth.org.

With offices in Ellsworth and Portland, the Maine Community Foundation works with donors and other partners to improve the quality of life for all Maine people. To learn more about the foundation, visit www.mainecef.org

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

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