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“The true reflection of society can be seen in the way that it cares for the elderly, the poor and needy, and the homeless.”

~ Hubert Humphrey ~



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Families First Community Center Receives Continued Grant Support

Ellsworth - The Stroud Fund of St. Mary and St. Jude Episcopal Church of Northeast Harbor has awarded Families First Community Center an Outreach Fund Grant of \$4,000. These funds were awarded specifically towards the cost of the heat pumps for our new home. This will save heating costs and greatly help the home to be more energy efficient.

Other recent grants include: The Home Depot Foundation with an award of \$3,000 and The Unity Foundation with an award of \$250.

“The continued support of both The Stroud Fund and The Home Depot Foundation is greatly appreciated, and will directly help FFCC as we move through this construction phase of our project,” said Terri Ouellette, newly elected Board President. “We received grants from both organizations in 2017 as well.”

To provide housing to six homeless families with children, FFCC is building a 4,995 square foot addition onto the existing older farmhouse located at 41 North Street in Ellsworth Falls. The primary building will include six individual apartments, with shared common space. In addition, Families First Community Center will have a licensed childcare facility and classrooms onsite. These facilities will help FFCC to

provide ongoing educational outreach support to people in Hancock County, which is a very important part of FFCC's mission," adds Terri Ouellette. "Our goal is to break the cycle of generational poverty here in Hancock County, which is the primary cause of homelessness, particularly in families with children."

The Stroud fund is made possible through the generosity of Dr. Morris W. Stroud III, who established a permanent outreach fund in 1990. Income from this fund is disbursed for community needs and projects by the Stroud Committee. Applications are welcomed from individuals and groups and are processed on a Quarterly basis. The Fund distributes approximately \$32,000 a year. For more information, visit St. Mary & St. Jude at <http://www.maryjude.org/outreach.html>.

The Home Depot Foundation offers grants to public service agencies that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their community. Grants are given for the purchase of tools, materials, or services. The primary goal of the Home Depot Foundation is to provide grants and volunteer opportunities to support the renovation, refurbishment, retrofitting, accessibility modifications, and/or weatherization of existing homes, centers, schools and other similar facilities. To learn more about the Home Depot Foundation, visit:

<https://corporate.homedepot.com/grants/community-impact-grants>

On a rolling basis, the Unity Foundation reviews applications for Opportunity Grants for small programs, projects and activities. For more information visit The Unity Foundation:

<http://unityfdn.org/opportunity-grants/>

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