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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 from the Deborah Pulliam Grant

Ellsworth - The Social Justice Committee of the **Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Castine** has awarded **Families First Community Center** the **Deborah Pulliam Social Justice Grant** of \$5,000 for the second year in a row! These funds were awarded specifically for the renovations for our new home and go toward the cost of heat pumps. This will save heating costs and greatly help the home to be more energy efficient.

“The continued support of the Deborah Pulliam Social Justice Grant of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Castine 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 this grant in 2017 as well. It is so encouraging to see the faith that this grantor has put into us. Readers might remember

that this specific grant last year allowed us to meet the fundraising goal that we then needed to close on the FFCC property at 41 North Street.”

Founded in 2015 to provide housing to six homeless families with children, FFCC is re-building the attached barn and adding an additional footprint 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 a classroom 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 mission is to break the cycle of homelessness by equipping families with minor children the skills they need to gain self-sufficiency.”

The Deborah Pulliam Social Justice Grants are made to perpetuate the memory and promote the values of the late Deborah Pulliam. Ms. Pulliam was a longtime resident and generous benefactor of several institutions in Castine and beyond. As one of the major recipients of her generosity, the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Castine (UUCC) has established a series of annual awards/grants in her name. The UUCC is a descendant of the First Congregational Society in Castine, established in 1798. For more information about the Deborah Pulliam Grants, visit: <http://uucastine.org/social-justice/>

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