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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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INCREDIBLE \$10,995 ANONYMOUS GRANT THROUGH MAINE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION THRILLS FAMILIES FIRST COMMUNITY CENTER!

ELLSWORTH - Families First Community Center has received an almost \$11,000 ANONYMOUS grant to help finance the Renovation Fund for their Home!

“This incredibly generous grant came as a complete surprise to us,” said Terri Ouellette, president of the board of directors. “We are so thrilled! We are working to re-build the barn and also to add an increased footprint to our Home at 41 North Street right now.”

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 last of the money for needed renovations.

“We have almost entirely completed funding our renovations, and are still working on raising the last of the needed money for heat pumps and solar panels, to keep the house energy-efficient and without large heating bills for the future,” Ouellette 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, 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 Donor!

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