

## April, 2017 Stroud Grants Awarded

1Thanks to the generous endowment left to us by Dr. Morris Stroud, our parish is privileged to make quarterly grants that support and improve our community. In April, the Stroud Committee faced record-breaking grant applications. The committee recommended – and the Vestry approved – the following grants:

- **Families First Community Center:** \$10,000 to renovate a house specially designed to accommodate homeless families with children. This house will offer more appropriate space for children than current homeless shelters provide, and will include child care services so that parents can find work. Their goal is to break the cycle of generational poverty in Hancock County, and to encourage education, employment, and better life skills for parents and children in the program.
- **Island Connections:** \$2,500 to help fund a driver rewards program, enabling the organization to assist volunteers with the gasoline costs they incur while delivering Meals on Wheels and driving clients to appointments.
- **A Climate to Thrive:** \$3,000 toward their new summer internship program. Two MDI high school students will be offered stipendiary internships in which they will deliver LED lights to community members under the supervision of an experienced mentor. They will learn about environmental and energy initiatives, while the organization makes progress toward their three-year goal of replacing six conventional light bulbs in each of 5,000 MDI households and businesses, preventing 2.6 million pounds of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere and saving more than \$250,000 in electrical costs every year.