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### **Skyline CAP Forming Partnership with Greene County Habitat for Humanity**

*Agreement will maximize resources and expertise to provide emergency home repairs*

**MADISON, VA** – Skyline Community Action Partnership, Inc. and Greene County Habitat for Humanity are combining forces to provide repairs and improvements to homes of elderly individuals and those living with disabilities in the area.

“This partnership will provide repairs necessary for the health and safety of our neighbors, many of whom are silently struggling to maintain their independence and remain in their homes,” said Rachel Henderson, Skyline CAP Housing Director. “This is the perfect opportunity to help by combining financial resources from Skyline’s Emergency Home Repair Program and Habitat for Humanity’s energy and construction expertise.”

Skyline’s Emergency Home Repair Program has been in operation since 1994 and has completed more than 250 projects in the agency’s service area of Greene, Madison and Orange counties. Projects range from simple plumbing and electrical repairs to window and door replacements for energy efficiency and wheelchair accessibility, to ramp construction to provide increased mobility for individuals with disabilities.

“Everyone deserves to live in a home where they feel safe and secure, but many homes in the area are owned or occupied by low-income families who are unable to afford necessary repairs,” said Bruce Seger, a Steering Committee member with Greene County Habitat for Humanity. “By partnering with Skyline, we can maximize our shared commitment to the health and well-being of people in need in our community.”

Seger served as Executive Director of Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity for 10 years and recently joined Skyline CAP’s Board of Directors where he serves on the Housing Taskforce Committee, which provides oversight for the agency’s new 1<sup>st</sup> Time Homebuyer Program.

The two organizations are kicking off the relationship this Saturday, May 18, at the home of William and Sarah James where they will construct a much-needed accessibility ramp. Proceeds from a recent grant award from Bama Works Fund of Dave Matthews Band has been earmarked to cover the cost of construction materials needed for this project.

“Our program relies on private donations and grants from organizations like the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation and the Bama Works Fund. We also partner with area businesses and organizations to leverage our resources which helps us make the most of a limited budget,” said Henderson. “It is only through the generosity of these organizations and their willingness to work with us that we are able to provide this important service.”

The Habitat work crew will begin work on the ramp at 8 a.m. this Saturday, May 18. For additional details, contact Peggy Hobbs at 434.944.0369.

#### **About Skyline CAP, Inc.**

*Skyline CAP, Inc. is a non-profit community action agency (CAA) working to improve the lives of those in need through education and housing programs designed to empower families and individuals to become self-sufficient. A designated CAA for Greene, Madison and Orange counties, Skyline CAP extends many of its programs to the counties of Fauquier, Page, Rappahannock, Shenandoah and Warren. For more information on Skyline CAP’s programs and services, visit our website at [www.skylinecap.org](http://www.skylinecap.org).*



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## **About Habitat for Humanity**

*Driven by the vision that everyone needs a decent place to live, Habitat for Humanity began in 1976 as a grassroots effort on a community farm in southern Georgia. The Christian housing organization has since grown to become a leading global nonprofit working in local communities across all 50 states in the U.S. and in more than 70 countries. Families and individuals in need of a hand up partner with Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. Through financial support, volunteering or adding a voice to support affordable housing, everyone can help families achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance they need to build better lives for themselves. Through shelter, we empower. To learn more, visit [GreeneHabitatVA.org](http://GreeneHabitatVA.org).*

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