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Skyline CAP Receives Grants to Support Emergency Home Repair Program

MADISON, VA – Skyline Community Action Partnership, Inc., has been awarded grants from VF Jeanswear (Blue Bell Foundation) and the Marietta McNeill Morgan & Samuel Tate Morgan, Jr. Trust, each in the amount of \$10,000. The grant funds will support Skyline’s Emergency Home Repair Program which is available to seniors and those living with disabilities, enabling them to live in safe and accessible homes.

The grant from VF Jeanswear was awarded through the Blue Bell Foundation, created in 1944 to honor the contributions of Blue Bell employees to the success of the company and to support the communities where Blue Bell operated, including Madison and Orange counties. The Marietta McNeill Morgan & Samuel Tate Morgan, Jr. Trust was established in 1962 to support and promote quality educational and human services programming in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Skyline CAP has provided emergency home repairs since 1994 in its service area of Greene, Madison and Orange counties. During the last fiscal year, 17 families received repair services ranging from plumbing repairs to installation of wheelchair ramps. There are a number of approved projects that are pending availability of funds.

“We are seeing an increase in the number of applications for home repairs, which we believe is partially related to the severe weather patterns our area has experienced over the last year,” said Rachel Henderson, Skyline CAP’s Housing Director. “Many of the applications are for roof repairs and, in some cases, total replacement is needed which can cost thousands of dollars. The grants from VF Jeanswear and the Morgan Trust will allow us to help more of the folks who have been patiently waiting for funding to become available.”

Recently, Skyline CAP and Habitat for Humanity of Greene County (Greene HFH) formed a partnership whereby Greene HFH will provide volunteer labor and Skyline CAP will provide funding for materials. This agreement allows Skyline to stretch its financial resources further in order to meet more families’ needs.

“Collaborating with partners in the community allows us to leverage each dollar we receive,” said Fran Lavin, Skyline CAP Executive Director. “In doing so, we are able to increase the number of people we help, improving their health and safety so they can remain in their homes longer.”

Skyline continues to maintain a waiting list that includes both major and minor repairs as well as accessibility modifications. Repairs are made at no cost to the homeowner and are funded primarily by donations and grants from private foundations. To donate to Skyline CAP’s Emergency Home Repair Program, visit their website at www.skylinecap.org/donate or contact the office in Stanardsville, Va., at (434) 985-6066.

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.

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