

Skyline CAP Celebrates Newest Addition to Affordable Housing Portfolio

Skyline Community Action Partnership (Skyline CAP) celebrated the newest addition to its affordable housing portfolio with a ribbon cutting on Friday, August 28, in Barboursville, Greene County. Board members and employees gathered to mark the acquisition of the three-bedroom, two-bath townhome and tour the property.

The new townhome becomes the 31st unit in Skyline CAP's affordable housing portfolio, furthering the organization's efforts to increase access to safe, stable and affordable housing in the communities it serves.

"Today we're celebrating much more than the addition of another property," said Rusty Burwell, President of Skyline CAP's Board of Directors and Chair of its Affordable Housing Committee. "We're celebrating the opportunity for an individual or family to have a safe, stable and affordable place to call home. Thirty-one units may seem modest compared with the scale of the housing shortage in our region, but for the people who live in these homes, the impact is anything but small."

Responding to a Critical Community Need

Access to affordable and stable housing was identified as the top concern among survey respondents and focus group participants in Skyline CAP's 2025 Community Needs Assessment. The Virginia Housing Alliance's 2026 Virginia Housing Landscape Report further underscores the severity of the shortage: for every 100 Virginia households earning 50% or less of Area Median Income (AMI), only 52 affordable rental units are available. For households earning 30% or less of AMI, that number drops to just 35 units for every 100 households.

Skyline CAP has significantly expanded its affordable housing portfolio in response to that need. During the past five years, the organization has added two single-family homes built by Skyline CAP, a six-unit apartment building in Madison County and nine mobile homes. As of June 2026, Skyline CAP's 30 affordable housing units were home to 75 people. The Barboursville townhome brings the portfolio to 31 units.

To qualify to lease a Skyline CAP affordable housing unit, a household's annual gross income must meet applicable income eligibility requirements and be at or below 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI).

Skyline CAP's affordable housing properties also contribute to the organization's long-term sustainability. Approximately 18% of Skyline CAP's total revenue is earned income generated through its affordable housing properties, creating a source of revenue while preserving housing that remains affordable to qualifying households.

Partnerships Make Expansion Possible

The Barboursville townhome was purchased with HOME and Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) funding distributed through the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC). Skyline CAP recognized TJPDC during the ribbon cutting for its partnership and support in helping turn available funding into a lasting affordable housing resource for the community.

Burwell also recognized the members of Skyline CAP's Affordable Housing Committee—Board members Sky Muller, Kelly Thornton and Peter Work, along with former Board member Bruce Seger—for their work alongside him to explore opportunities to expand Skyline CAP's affordable housing portfolio.

Special recognition was given to Board member Kelly Thornton, who helped Skyline CAP identify available properties and provided support throughout the negotiations and closing process for the Barboursville townhome.

Skyline CAP also recognized Housing staff members Kim Rucker, Lindsay Clore and Tracey Trevillian for their ongoing work administering Housing Choice Vouchers and providing housing counseling to help individuals and families achieve greater housing stability.

“This home is number 31, but ultimately, it isn't about the number,” Burwell said. “It's about the person or family who will have an affordable place to call home because this property exists. That's what we're celebrating today.”