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Rapidan Better Housing puts Grant from The Bama Works Fund of Dave Matthews Band to Good Use

Non-profit turns \$7,500 into \$42,000 utilizing matching funds to provide housing rehabilitation services for Orange County residents

Orange County, Virginia, May 1, 2010-- In June 2009 Rapidan Better Housing Corporation received \$7,500 from The Bama Works Fund of Dave Matthews Band to be used for housing rehabilitation services in Orange County. Almost one year later, Rapidan Better Housing has leveraged this gracious funding with \$35,439 in matching funds to provide a combined total of \$42,000 in home repair services for low-income residents in Orange County. The Bama Works Fund is administered by the Charlottesville Area Community Fund. With this support and future projects already in the works to utilize the remaining funds, Rapidan Better Housing and The Bama Works Fund have, and continue to serve the local community in the following ways:

Completed projects:

- Provided a woman with MS who was confined to a wheelchair and unable to access her existing bathroom with a handicap accessible bathroom. [\$1,600 Bama Works/\$3,900 matching]
- Provided an elderly, blind woman with a ramp. [\$73.74 Bama Works/\$2,950 matching]
- Repaired plumbing for an elderly, disabled couple. [\$500 Bama Works/\$1,482.66 matching]
- Provided an elderly woman who was temporary disabled with a temporary ramp. [\$350 Bama Works]
- Repaired a ramp, installed grab bars, and weatherized the home of an elderly, disabled woman. [\$40 Bama Works/\$45.91 matching]
- Provided a young woman with MS with a handicap accessible bathroom. [\$1,000 Bama Works/\$6,200 matching]
- Provided electrical repairs, accessibility repairs, and weatherization for a disabled woman. [\$345.24 Bama Works/\$586.25 matching]
- Repaired flooring and heating system for an elderly, disabled woman. [\$800 Bama Works/\$1,540 matching]
- Provided an elderly, disabled man with a ramp. [\$325 Bama Works/\$25 matching]
- Provided accessibility upgrades and repaired a roof for an elderly, disabled woman. [\$100 Bama Works/\$950 matching]

Pending projects

- Providing a severely disabled child with an accessible bathroom, including an addition and new drain field. [\$1,000 Bama Works/ \$15,500 matching]
- Providing a disabled woman with roof repairs and accessibility upgrades. [\$500 Bama Works/ total match not yet available]
- Providing a disabled woman with plumbing repairs. [\$335 Bama Works/\$10 matching]
- Providing an elderly, disabled couple with accessibility upgrades. [\$500 Bama Works/\$2,250 Emergency Home Repair funds and contributions from the family]

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