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Bama Works Fund of Dave Matthews Band Awards \$7,500 Grant to Rapidan Better Housing

For the second year in a row, foundation helps support the Emergency Home Repair Program for Orange County Residents

Orange County, Virginia, June 29, 2010-- As any homeowner who has had to replace a leaky roof, fix their HVAC system or rewire their electricity knows, home maintenance can be costly and unpredictable. For those in Orange County who live below 80% of the area median income, these home repairs can quickly become insurmountable. Rapidan Better Housing's Emergency Home Repair Program offers these homeowners some relief. RBH is a 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit whose mission is to "provide safe, decent, affordable housing opportunities." RBH has administered the Emergency Home Repair program for Orange County since 1994. The program offers grant funding to help with repairs like installing accessibility items like ramps and grab bars or fixing roofs, plumbing, electrical, flooring, or other structural issues. Oftentimes the demand for the program greatly exceeds the funding provided. RBH appealed to the Bama Works Fund of Dave Matthews Band, in the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation in 2009, for additional grant monies to help supplement the Emergency Home Repair program. The Bama Works Fund awarded RBH with a \$7,500 grant in June 2009 and has again reached out to RBH and Orange County with an addition \$7,500 for the 2010 fiscal year. RBH is most grateful to the Bama Works Fund of Dave Matthews Band for their interest and support in improving the lives of Orange County residents, this grant gives priority to disability-related home repairs. In 2009, RBH leveraged the \$7,500 grant to raise \$35,000 in matching funds and helped over 10 County residents. With the generosity of the Bama Works Fund of Dave Matthews Band and the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation, RBH looks forward to serving Orange County homeowners through its 2010 Emergency Home Repair Program.

Homeowners in Orange County who are interested in this program can find out more information and see if they qualify at www.fhchousing.org or by calling Rapidan Better Housing at (540) 948-3274.

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