

Grant helps Skyline CAP sustain services in Orange

At Skyline Community Action Partnership, the goal is not only to serve clients, but to serve them with excellence.

A key component of that in the past year was the establishment of the agency's new office in downtown Orange in October 2009. This office included a thrift shop on the ground floor and, upstairs, counselors providing emergency assistance, foreclosure prevention, and energy-efficiency counseling services.

With the success of these programs, Skyline CAP has been seeking additional funding to continue operating this office and the services they provide. To meet this need, the agency recently received a donation of \$500 from American Woodmark Foundation. Greg Conley, lumber buyer for

American Woodmark's facility in Orange, delivered the check to staff.

"The culture of our corporation states that we give back to the community," he said. "This is our way of giving back to people like you who help others."

American Woodmark contributes to other local organizations such as fire and rescue, Orange County Library, Sheltering Arms and the food pantry.

"We are grateful for the support of the local business community as we endeavor to provide our clients with the highest level of service possible," Kim Frye Smith, executive director of Skyline CAP, Inc. said.

In the past month, Skyline CAP has received three grants, including the most recent from American Woodmark. Wachovia Wells Fargo Corporation and The

Seay Foundation each made a contribution to the agency.

"Every dollar helps," Smith said. "Like other local service organizations, our funding sources are limited, but the needs we are meeting in the community keep growing."

In January of this year, Skyline CAP began a fundraising campaign to diversify its funding sources and increase its revenue in order to maintain services originally funded by the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. This funding expires in September. The agency is seeking \$90,000 to continue operating the Orange County office and the Energy-Efficiency Program. In addition to grants from private foundations, Skyline CAP is seeking support from local businesses and individuals.



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Skyline CAP staff in Orange County accept a check from American Woodmark. From left to right: office assistant Tulani Garnett; energy-efficiency counselor Carla Mace; American Woodmark Lumber Buyer Greg Conley; foreclosure prevention specialist Ruth Bramlett; and thrift store assistant Zoe Tuck.

The agency is also hoping to increase revenue from the thrift shop located at 115 Chapman Street in downtown Orange.

More information about the agency, as well as how to make a dona-

tion, can be found on the agency's web site at www.skylinecap.org.

The mission of Skyline CAP, Inc. is to give a hand up to those in need through actions that promote self-sufficiency. We seek to alleviate the

impact of poverty in three-county service area of Orange, Madison, and Greene counties in central Virginia through programs that promote education, affordable housing, and emergency assistance.