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### **Madison Senior homeowners receive help with weatherization and fuel oil cost.**

*At least 20 seniors in Madison will receive help on their fuel oil bills or repairs to their home to keep the cold out this winter.*

Thanks to a grant from The Community Awareness of Rappahannock Electric Charity, Inc. (C.A.R.E.) awarded to Skyline Community Action Program (C.A.P.) according to Kim Frye - Smith Executive Director at Skyline Community Action Program in Madison. Skyline Community Action Program (CAP) operates services and programs like this for low to moderate income individuals and families in Madison, Orange and Greene County.

Brenda Watkevich, Skyline CAP's Community Programs Coordinator for Madison and Orange County saw a need and applied for funding available through C.A.R.E, Inc., a division of Rappahannock Electric Cooperative (REC). According to Watkevich, C.A.R.E., Inc. choose Skyline CAP's submission and "awarded \$4000 to the Agency's emergency assistance program to be used specifically for seniors in our area to help with fuel oil and simple weatherization projects. A simple weatherization of windows can save 32% on energy bills...Seniors are often left out of the loop when it comes to fuel assistance or small weatherization projects for their homes. They are either unaware of the help or cannot navigate the system to initiate the process".

Frye -Smith, adds "As we approach winter and beyond, the support of businesses and private donors like Rappahannock Electric Cooperative make it possible to assist low income seniors

**with their fuel oil and weatherization needs. Seniors and residents with disabilities are especially vulnerable and Skyline C.A.P. works with other community service organizations to leverage manpower and money to complete projects; Community Programs Coordinators at Skyline Community Action Program make special efforts to contact and educate residents about the services available in their communities and identifies eligible candidates for services”, we couldn’t be more please with this outcome.”**

*Skyline C.A.P. is one of 26 Community Action Agencies (CAA) operating throughout Virginia, over 1000 in the country and organized to change people's lives, embody the spirit of hope, and improve communities. CAA's are about the entire community and are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other. For more information on Skyline Community Action Program visit us at [www.skylinecap.org](http://www.skylinecap.org)*