



FOOTHILLS CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER
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Foothills received \$5,000 grant from the Bama Works Fund of Dave Matthews Band in the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation (CACF)

(CHARLOTTESVILLE) July 23, 2014 – The Bama Works Fund of Dave Matthews Band in the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation (CACF) has awarded a \$5,000 grant to Foothills Child Advocacy Center. The grant will enable Foothills to continue to provide courtesy forensic interviews and family support services to child victims of abuse who live in the counties of Greene, Orange, Louisa, Fluvanna, Buckingham, and Nelson.

These counties do not have child advocacy centers. Foothills, which primarily serves Charlottesville and Albemarle County, is one of only 15 child advocacy centers in the state of Virginia.

Foothills provides a safe, child-friendly place for child victims of abuse and their non-offending caregivers to meet with Child Protective Services and Law Enforcement staff for forensic interviews and crisis intervention. The child is interviewed at Foothills by a neutral professional who is trained in child forensic interviewing, and the non-offending caregivers receive crisis intervention and referrals for ongoing services that support the child or family.

Foothills' Executive Director Cathee Johnson Phillips said, "Reducing trauma for child victims of abuse is at the heart of our mission. We are grateful to the Dave Matthews Band and to the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation for this grant, which allows us to continue to offer these important services to our neighboring counties."

Foothills was one of 62 area organizations to receive a 2014 Bama Works Fund grant.

For more information about the services that Foothills offers, please visit <http://www.foothillscac.org>. For more information about how to help kids, please visit <http://www.beaheroforkids.org/>.

About Foothills

Foothills was established in 2006 as a not-for-profit, accredited agency designed to provide a coordinated system of effective response and intervention to children who have been victimized. Foothills' goals are to minimize trauma, promote healing, ensure child safety, and hold perpetrators accountable.

Foothills works with a team of professionals in Charlottesville and Albemarle dedicated to the investigation and prosecution of perpetrators and to the support and treatment of child victims and their non-offending caretakers. The multidisciplinary team (MDT) meets monthly to communicate and collaborate on child maltreatment cases. Cases are reviewed beginning with the victim's initial outcry through investigation, treatment, and prosecution. Communication within the team reduces duplication and keeps victims from falling through the cracks. MDT partners include: Foothills; Charlottesville and Albemarle Child Protective Services; Charlottesville and Albemarle Police Departments; Charlottesville and Albemarle Victim/Witness Services; Charlottesville and Albemarle Commonwealth's Attorney's Offices; Piedmont Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA); Sexual Assault Resource Agency (SARA); Children, Youth and Family Services (CYFS); Region 10 Community Services Board; and UVA Forensic Nurse Examiners.

For more information, please visit the center's Web site at <http://www.foothillscac.org/> or call 434-971-7233.

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