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## *Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA receives grant for at-risk youth*

Bama Works Fund of Dave Matthews Band gives CASPCA largest grant yet

*Charlottesville, VA*—After years of support, the Bama Fund of Dave Matthews Band in the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation (CACF) has endowed the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA with the largest grant yet to help fund its art camp for at-risk youth—\$5,000.

“The CASPCA is thrilled to be a recipient of the Bama Works Fund of Dave Matthews Band,” said CASPCA Director of Advancement Angie Gunter. “These camps are vital in ensuring that future generations have respect for animals and understand the importance of maintaining a No Kill community like ours. Teaching empathy for dogs and cats has been shown to have lasting positive effects on young hearts and minds. Our art program for at-risk youth is designed to make a difference in the lives of these kids, who often don’t get the opportunity to interact with animals or visit the shelter.”

This two-week long session extends from July 25 through July 29, and then from August 1 through August 5. Many of the participants are from foster programs in the Charlottesville-Albemarle region.

During their time at the CASPCA, campers learn to value and care for pets, while being given experience in team-building exercises and collaborative projects. Campers are educated about animal welfare and create masterpieces for display at the CASPCA.

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*About the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA:* The Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA is proud to celebrate 10 years as a No Kill community, providing life-saving care to thousands of animals in the Albemarle-Charlottesville region. The mission of the CASPCA is to advance the compassionate treatment of animals by providing sheltering, medical care and behavioral services for dogs and cats; promoting permanent, caring homes; and furthering education and outreach to place healthy animals in caring homes. For more information about the CASPCA, call 434-973-5959, or visit our website at [www.caspca.org](http://www.caspca.org). The CASPCA’s main adoption center is located at 3355 Berkmar Drive in Charlottesville and is open seven days a week from 12 p.m.– 6 p.m.