



Hurricane Recovery and Building Forward

COMPREHENSIVE REPORT

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Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands

The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands, Inc. (CFVI) was created in 1990 to serve both donors and non-profit organizations that want to ensure the highest quality of life for all Virgin Islanders. CFVI's mission is to enhance the well-being of children, youth and families throughout the Territory through capacity-building and grant-making.

From a founding gift of \$540,000 from Ambassador Henry L. Kimelman and Charlotte Kimelman, CFVI now manages a portfolio of \$17 million, with more than 150 named funds and programs committed to youth, education, early childhood, health, hurricane relief/recovery, the environment, and more!

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with a longstanding history of serving the USVI community, CFVI was identified as a trusted vehicle for receiving and distributing funds to support hurricane relief, recovery, and renewal across the Territory.

CFVI is uniquely positioned as the only Territory-wide community foundation - offering donors, funders, and other stakeholders intimate community knowledge, a history of collaborative partnerships, leadership, reputation, and accountability. The Foundation's audited financial statements and Form 990 (filed annually with the Virgin Islands Bureau of Internal Revenue and the Internal Revenue Service) are posted on CFVI's website.

Please visit cfvi.net for more information about the Foundation and its operations.

Message from the President and Chairman of the Board

In September 2017, in the span of just two weeks, Hurricanes Irma and Maria forever changed the lives of Virgin Islanders. The Category 5 storms, two of the costliest, most destructive hurricanes in American history, ravaged our homes, displaced our families and destroyed our businesses. In a matter of hours, the winds of destruction wiped away what so many had spent their entire lives building.

Thankfully, CFVI was "storm-ready." In the wake of Hurricanes Irma and Maria, CFVI established a number of special funds to support both immediate and long-term relief and jump-start community renewal efforts. The Fund for the Virgin Islands was created the day after Hurricane Irma to respond to donors asking "how can we help?" Before Hurricane Maria made landfall, the CFVI Board of Directors had already established the Friends and Families Fund for USVI Renewal. More than 15 additional funds and fiscal sponsorships were established by generous donors to CFVI for the purpose of helping the Virgin Islands and Virgin Islanders to recover.

CFVI is forever grateful for the generous outpouring of donations and support from all over the globe that made this work possible. And we are privileged to work with community partners who are investing in the long-term health and wellbeing of the islands' residents and preserving and enhancing our beloved way of life.

Included in this comprehensive report of CFVI's Hurricane-related funding activities are details on a wide range of philanthropic vehicles, which the Foundation created to effectively steward millions of dollars in donations, respond to the intentions of thousands of donors, and provide support to more than 100 grantees. In fact, from September 2017 through the end of July 2020, more than 10,000 individual donors and institutions contributed over \$18 million in donations and grants. People who wanted to make a difference but didn't know how or where to start were able to pool their resources with like-minded stakeholders and target help where it was most needed. To date, more than \$16 million has been awarded and we continue to work diligently to distribute the remaining balance.

After the storms showed us the worst Mother Nature had to offer, our community showed us the very best of humanity: family, friends, neighbors and even strangers coming together in remarkable ways. Neighborhood by neighborhood, home by home, working together we have made a difference. We helped each other. We lifted each other up. And, in doing so, we demonstrated to the world our unshakable resolve. Together, let us carry on the task of building a stronger, more resilient USVI for all our people.

Building forward together for our beloved Virgin Islands,

Dee Baecher-Brown
President, CFVI

George H.T. Dudley
Chairman of the Board, CFVI

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

More than \$18 Million

Grants and donations contributed to CFVI by an organization or individual
to support charitable activities:

We are forever grateful to all of our generous donors

\$1,000,000+

American Red Cross
One America Appeal
Stephenson Family Foundation

\$100,000-\$999,999

183 Media, LLC
Barnsley Fund
Baseball Industry Growth Fund, LLC
Brad's Deals Cares Foundation
Carnival Corporation
Connor Group Global Services, LLC
Diageo North America Foundation, Inc.
GlobalGiving Foundation, Inc.
GNYHA Foundation
H. Van Ameringen Foundation
Jim Bean Brands Co/Beam Suntory
Laurance S. Rockefeller Fund
Loeb, Brian
Princess Cruises Community Foundation
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
The Reich Fund
The Richard H. Driehaus Charitable Lead Trust
The Rocking Moon Foundation, Inc.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED *cont.*

\$10,000-\$99,999

Adam R. Bronfman Family Foundation
Altisource Solutions
Annie E. Casey Foundation
Austin Community Foundation
Bingham, Osborn & Scarborough Foundation
Bloomberg LP
Bouis, Tara
Brisa Max Holding, LLC
C. David Swindell and Gail F. Goodman
Cancer Treatment Centers of America
Caswell F. Holloway Jr and Marie B. Holloway Foundation
Cave, Bryan
Cotton, Jharel
Coulston, Keith R.
DDC Freight Process Outsourcing, LLC
De Sieyes, Charles
Deloitte Services, LP
Dolan Family Foundation
Edward S. Moore Family Foundation
Fintrac Inc.
Fundación Banco Popular
Galtere Inc.
Hulsman, Letty and Howard
IGH Charitable Foundation
Island Foundation, Inc.
Kimelman Family Fund
King, Sean G. and Cynthia G.
Klotzbach, Thomas and Claire Starkey
Kotula Family Foundation
Lambert, William and Mary Raymer
Lloyds America, Inc.
Lockhart Vaughan Foundation, Inc.
Lotte and Felix Bilgrey Charitable
Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City
MBIA Foundation
Miami Foundation
Midler, Andrew and Monica
Moore, Michael and Hannah
National Basketball Association
National Basketball Players Association Foundation

Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C.
Oppenheimer Charitable Fund
Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP
Paul Hastings Cares Foundation
Perrigo Company Foundation
Perry, James and Marianne
Price Philanthropies Foundation
Price, Robert and Allison
Prior Family Foundation
Salt Pond Holdings, LLC
Schreuder, Eric and Jana R.
Seedworks Fund
Shendell Charitable Fund
Sierra Club
Sievers, Robert and Maureen
Sigavis Sherm Anna Foundation
Slusky, Alex
Snow Angel Fund
Strickling Family Fund
Taipei Economic and Cultural Office of Miami
The Baker Foundation
The Dallas Foundation
The Each Foundation
The Elsie P. Van Buren Foundation
The Home Depot Foundation
The Libra Foundation
The Miami Foundation for a Greater Miami
The NYC Eastern Caribbean Relief Fund, Inc.
The Thomas & Deborah Werner Fund
The Vernon D and Florence E Roosa Family Foundation
The William J.J. Gordon Family Foundation
Time Warner Center
Topa Insurance Group
Tourism Cares, Inc.
Tupper, Helen and Chris
United Healthcare Services, Inc.
Vineyard Vines, LLC
WePay SV9T / Topa Properties
White Bay Group USVI, LLLP
Williams Family Foundation of Georgia, Inc.

HURRICANE RELIEF FUNDING - AT A GLANCE

More than \$18 Million

Total amount of grants and donations CFVI received for relief efforts following Hurricanes Irma and Maria

More than 100

Number of organizations and individual donors contributing \$10,000 or more

More than \$16 Million

Total amount of grants and donations CFVI distributed from September 2017 through July 31, 2020

More than 100

Number of grantees supported throughout the USVI, including nonprofits, schools, hospitals, and other important projects and programs across the Territory

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS	Received	\$10.65 Million
	Distributed	\$9.08 Million

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS	Received	\$2.13 Million
	Distributed	\$2.13 Million

FISCAL SPONSORSHIPS	Received	\$1.42 Million
	Distributed	\$750,000

GRANTS	Received	\$4.58 Million
	Distributed	\$4.05 Million

TOTALS	Received	\$18.78 Million
	Distributed	\$16.01 Million

FUND BALANCES **\$2.77 Million***

**CFVI's grantmaking efforts to distribute the fund balances are ongoing.*

In the wake of two back-to-back Category 5 hurricanes, CFVI was poised to offer a variety of philanthropic tools for the disaster recovery effort, varying in purpose, means used to disburse grants, and level of donor involvement.

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS - Over \$9,080,000

More than \$9.08 million has been distributed from CFVI's hurricane Field of Interest Funds. Field of Interest funds are held by community foundations and used for a specific purpose, such as to assist in recovery from a natural disaster and provide monies for critical needs for immediate, mid-term and long-term recovery efforts.

CFVI Friends and Family Fund for USVI Renewal

The Friends and Family Fund for USVI Renewal was established by CFVI to accommodate donations from CFVI's family, friends, existing Fund donors, Angels, and other partners. This fund continues to be directed by CFVI's Board of Directors, focused on ongoing support for long-term solutions in some of the Foundation's main areas of focus (i.e., early childhood, youth development, volunteerism, the elderly, emergency needs of families, etc.).

Fund For the Virgin Islands (FFVI)

FFVI grew to be the largest hurricane-related fund at the Community Foundation, receiving more than \$8 million from more than 4,000 donors. The Fund was intended to serve as a temporary vehicle to meet critical and immediate needs in the USVI as a direct result of this unprecedented disaster. On December 7, 2018 - exactly 15 months after the landfall of Hurricane Irma - CFVI's Board of Directors authorized the official closing of the Fund for the Virgin Islands (FFVI). For a detailed report on this fund, please visit <https://cfvi.co/FFVI>.

Network for Good

The Network for Good Fund was created to house pooled donations from a variety of Network for Good sources, including crowdfunding, employer payroll contributions, and matching gifts.

USVI Strong

This fund was established to support medical and educational hurricane relief and recovery.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS - OVER \$2,130,000

More than \$2.13 million was distributed from CFVI's hurricane Donor Advised Funds. Donor Advised Funds are established by an individual donor or donors with advisory privileges with respect to the fund's distributions or investments.

HelpUSVINow! Fund

Established by Richard J Stephenson to help the USVI recover from hurricanes Irma and Maria, which impacted the U.S. Virgin Islands in September 2017. For a detailed report on this fund, please visit <https://cfvi.co/HelpUSVINowReport>

Virgin Islands Daily News Community Fund

This Fund was established to provide short-term relief from the effects of Hurricanes Irma and Maria and to build a more promising future by supporting longer-term efforts to enhance the educational, cultural and economic opportunities for all Virgin Islanders.

FISCAL SPONSORSHIPS - OVER \$750,000

More than \$750,000 has been distributed from CFVI hurricane Fiscal Sponsorships, which were among the most important tools used by CFVI immediately following Hurricanes Irma and Maria to expand the base of donors assisting with recovery efforts. CFVI performed many different administrative functions on behalf of sponsored businesses, organizations and programs. The support provided by CFVI included taking on the responsibility of receiving and administering charitable contributions on behalf of the sponsored organization and carrying out the necessary back-office functions.

Fiscal sponsor arrangements benefit organizations or programs that are not tax-exempt by providing a flow-through pathway for revenue and in-kind donations that the organization may not otherwise be in a position to receive. While it is quite common and perfectly acceptable for a fiscal sponsor to charge an administrative fee for its services, CFVI waived any and all fees for hurricane-related fiscal sponsorships.

Amalie Global Relief

Established to provide monies to support recovery and relief efforts in the Virgin Islands following Hurricane Irma.

Cane Bay Cares

Established to provide monies for hurricane relief for the island of St. Croix.

Irma Maria VI Emergency

Established to help feed, shelter and secure the people of the U.S. Virgin Islands in the aftermath of hurricanes Irma and Maria that struck September 2017.

Marine Rebuild Fund

Established to provide monies for boosting VI employment opportunities in the marine industry by repairing existing and developing future cruising grounds, supporting operable marine facilities and creating marine education training/development programs in the wake of the catastrophic 2017 hurricane season.

VI ASAP Relief Group

Established to provide monies for Hurricanes Irma and Maria relief and reconstruction efforts in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

VI-R3 Relief, Recover, Rebuild

Established to provide monies for supplies and expenses in regard to relief efforts, recovery efforts and rebuilding efforts for anyone affected in the Virgin Islands due to a natural disaster.

GRANTS - OVER \$4,050,000

More than \$4.05 million has been distributed from CFVI hurricane grant funding. Grant funding is made possible by grants received from corporate, foundation, and other sources.

GRANTS DISTRIBUTED

More than \$16 Million

All Hands and Hearts – Smart Response
All Saints Cathedral School
American Federation of Teachers
AMG Media
Animal Care Center of St. John
Antilles School
Beautiful Dreamers
Boys & Girls Club of St. Thomas/St. John
Caribbean Center for Boys & Girls of the VI
Caledonia Communications Corp.
Cancer Support VI
Caribbean Community Theater
Caribbean Genealogy Library
Caribbean Museum Center of St. Croix
Caribbean Volunteer Services
Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands
Children's Museum of St. Croix
Christiansted Lighthouse Mission
Christiansted Retail & Restaurant Association
Coral Bay Community Council
Crucian Educational Non-profit, Inc.
Crucian Heritage and Nature Tourism (CHANT)
Cruz Bay Seventh-day Adventist Church
Dancing Classrooms of the Virgin Islands
Delivering Good Matching Grant Gift Card Initiative
Department of Sports Parks and Recreation
Disaster Recovery Support Initiative
Downtown Revitalization, Inc.
Family Resource Center
FFVI Scholar-Grants
Frederiksted Health Care Inc.
Free Will Baptist Christian School
Friends of the Virgin Islands National Park
Giff Hill School
Good Hope Country Day School
Governor's Holiday Children's Parties
Healing Wings International Foundation
Herbert Grigg Home for the Aged
Humane Society of St. Thomas
IGGI Project for Emotional Recovery

GRANTS DISTRIBUTED *cont.*

Island Health and Wellness Center
JKC
John Folly's Learning Institute
Juan F. Luis Hospital
KIDS COUNT/UVI-CERC Community Needs Assessment
Legal Services of the Virgin Islands
Love City Pan Dragons Youth Steel Orchestra
Love City Strong
Lucky Paws Foundation
Lutheran Social Services of the Virgin Islands
Marine Rebuild Fund
Methodist Training and Outreach Center
Music In Motion
My Brother's Marine Workshop
My Brother's Table
My Brother's Workshop
Nana Baby Children's Home
Neighbor2Neighbor Project
North Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventist/ Pathfinder Youth Society
Ottley Communications Corporation
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
Patient Assist VI
Peak Potential Homeless Support
Pistarckle Theater
Project Promise
Queen Louise Home for Children
Queen Louise Home for the Aged
Reef Broadcasting, Inc.
Rotary Club of St. Thomas
Rotary Club of St. Thomas East
Salvation Army of the USVI
Schneider Regional Medical Center Foundation
St. Croix Amateur Radio Club
St. Croix Animal Welfare Center
St. Croix Environmental Association
St. Croix Landmarks Society
St. Croix Long Term Recovery Group
St. Croix Majorettes
St. Croix Mission Outreach
St. Croix Montessori School

GRANTS DISTRIBUTED *cont.*

St. Croix Rescue
St. John Cancer Patient Fund
St. John Community Foundation
St. John CommUNITY Long Term Recovery Group
St. John Dial a Ride
St. John Historical Society
St. John Long Term Recovery Team
St. John Rescue
St. John School of the Arts
St. Thomas East End Medical Corporation
St. Thomas Historical Trust
St. Thomas Long Term Recovery Team
St. Thomas Reformed Church
St. Thomas Rescue
St. Thomas Swimming Association
St. Thomas/St. John Youth Scholastic Chess Club
St. Ursula's Senior Center
Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School
Sunshine Foundation
The Forum
The Nature Conservancy
The Village—VI Partners in Recovery
Virgin Islands Volunteer Advocates for Children, Inc.
Ulla Muller School Yard Project
United Jazz Foundation
United Way of the USVI
University of the Virgin Islands
USVI Hurricane Recovery Task Force
VI Good Food Coalition
VI Montessori School and Peter Gruber International Academy
VI Partners for Healthy Communities
Virgin Islands Association for Independent Living
Virgin Islands Children's Museum
Virgin Islands Council on the Arts
Virgin Islands Department of Education
We Grow Food
Women's Coalition of St. Croix
World Ocean School
Yvonne Ashley Galiber Foundation

Building Forward at CFVI

As the Territory continues long-term recovery from the 2017 hurricanes, CFVI is committed to funding projects, programs, and initiatives that support *Building Forward* to a brighter future for our islands. CFVI's grantmaking efforts to distribute the remainder of hurricane funding are ongoing.

CFVI embraces our role and responsibility in the community. We believe that impact happens when philanthropic dollars align with community needs and strong nonprofits committed to addressing them. To ensure that every dollar invested in our community has maximum return, CFVI takes a strategic approach to serving our island communities:

- Providing local expertise, ensuring all voices are heard and considered in determining the Territory's future
- Cultivating relationships, building partnerships, and supporting nonprofits and organizations committed to driving change
- Working with donors to manage their giving, achieve their philanthropic goals and create greater impact with their charitable gifts

In addition to the philanthropic vehicles outlined in this report, CFVI established a new Fund to continue and expand recovery efforts. Created by CFVI's Board of Directors in January 2019, the Building Forward Fund (BFF) is intended to build on the Foundation's relief and recovery grantmaking following the storms. The BFF is also intended to provide immediate assistance in the event of a future emergency need in the USVI, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

Support directed to the Building Forward Fund enables CFVI to continue to be as flexible as possible in helping our community during a crisis or disaster.

Make a Donation

Donations to the Building Forward Fund can be made online by visiting <https://cfvi.net/support-our-work/donate-to-a-fund/>

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