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***CFVI Partners with Beautiful Dreamers to Provide
School-based Mental Health Support Programming***

CFVI will partner with local nonprofit organization Beautiful Dreamers to operate a school-based mental health support program during calendar year 2020. A grant of \$350,000 to CFVI from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) will be used to fund a 15-month continuation project to provide mental health services for students and training for professionals in USVI public schools.

“The mental health services system in the Territory has been under duress for years, with both the current and immediate past Governors declaring states of emergency around mental health,” said Anna Wheatley Scarbriel, CFVI Director of Grants and Programs. “We also know from the 2019 Community Needs Assessment commissioned by CFVI that stress and trauma are prevalent in the USVI school population and remain a significant health issue for residents in the Territory in the aftermath of Hurricanes Irma and Maria.”

[To read the full article, click here.](#)



WHERE TALENT MEETS PURPOSE

*Catchafire Partnership Ignites Pro Bono Support
for USVI Nonprofits*

CFVI is providing 150 nonprofit organizations in the Territory with access to Catchafire through January 2021, allowing the nonprofits to match with pro bono professionals all over the U.S. and around the world on a wide range of projects. Catchafire can assist with more than 130 types of projects in a variety of categories, including marketing and communications, HR, fundraising, professional development, finance and operations, program management, technology and more. Each project is scoped out with useful steps, expectations, and recommended timelines that eliminate the time an organization would typically spend writing up instructions for a volunteer.

Since the launch last September, the program has taken off. So far, **88** organizations have registered to use the online platform. Of those, **27** have already matched with volunteers on **55** projects and calls, resulting in a total of **1,071 volunteer hours** donated and more than **\$200,000 saved**.

[To read the full article, click here.](#)

Interested in becoming a Catchafire volunteer
and lending your skills to USVI Nonprofits?

[Click here to learn more and get started today!](#)



BUILDING FORWARD for **OUR CHILDREN NOW!**

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS
KIDS COUNT
DATA BOOK 2019

KIDS COUNT Data Book Highlights Well-being of Territory's Children

CFVI released the 2019 U.S. Virgin Islands KIDS COUNT Data Book, *Building Forward for Our Children Now!* The most recent Data Book offers a comprehensive snapshot of data on the well-being of the Territory's children from the 2015 Virgin Islands Community Survey (VICS), focused on four domains— family and community, economic well-being, education, and health and safety. Additionally, through the use of data from the 2019 Community Needs Assessment (CNA) and from local community and government agencies, CFVI has expanded the traditional KIDS COUNT Data Book format to include a special section with information on children and families in the USVI from 2016 through December 2018.

[To read the full article, click here.](#)

Fund For the Virgin Islands (FFVI) Grantee Highlights



Lutheran Social Services

CFVI provided a \$371,230 FFVI grant to Lutheran Social Services of the Virgin Islands to support Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) and their volunteer rebuilding program for low-income senior citizen homeowners and homeowners with disabilities who did not have the resources to repair their storm-damaged homes. LDR recruited volunteers with construction skills who spent two weeks on St. Croix providing 80 hours each of free labor. Work has ranged from simple home repairs to complete roof replacements. LDR assists the homeowner with purchasing building supplies and, in many cases, provides the homeowner with a grant for all or nearly all of the building supplies. From June 2018 through October 2019, with the assistance of FEMA Invitational Travel, and a productive partnership with United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM), LDR managed over 750 volunteers who provided more than 43,000 hours of free construction labor and worked on 61 houses as well as volunteer housing. [To learn more about the program, click here.](#)

Frederiksted Health Care

CFVI provided a \$70,000 FFVI grant to Frederiksted Health Care, Inc. (FHC) to perform mold remediation and construction activities to expand dental services on St. Croix. FHC is the only public dental provider on St. Croix, with a mission to provide non-discriminatory, evidence-based, affordable, and accessible health care to the community of St. Croix. With this grant funding, FHC was able to construct a 5-chair dental suite, allowing for 3,500 additional patients to be seen.

[To learn more about the services FHC offers, click here.](#)



The Children's Museum of St. Croix

CFVI provided a \$50,000 FFVI grant to the The Children's Museum of St. Croix to support post-hurricane community outreach projects. Funding allowed the museum to purchase a cargo van to enable the implementation of mobile pop-up events. Having a van specifically for museum events has facilitated and simplified the transport and set up of events for staff. The museum also held an art contest for students to help create an eye-catching design to accompany their logo on the van. To learn more about their pop-up events, [click here](#) to visit their Facebook page.



Animal Care Center of St. John

CFVI provided a \$25,000 FFVI grant to Animal Care Center of St. John. The grant supported the rescue and care for more than 300 animals following the storms - including getting animals evacuated out of the Territory, medical bills, community outreach, and general operations. Funding was also used to offer residents spay/neuter opportunities, free flea and tick medications, as well as pre-treatment medication for heartworm. A portion of the grant also supported the purchase of a second company vehicle, increasing the organization's capacity to rescue and treat animals. [To learn more about the services offered and pets available for adoption, click here.](#)



Grantee Spotlight: Marine Rebuild Fund

The Marine Rebuild Fund (MRF) was established as a fiscal sponsorship at CFVI following Hurricane Irma to support marine-based environmental and economic relief and recovery efforts. In addition to numerous beach, reef and coastal volunteer cleanups, in 2018 MRF launched its Marine Apprenticeship, a five-week intensive program providing training in the marine charter industry for young adults from St. Thomas and St. John. The training includes everything from scuba diving, to sailing, to maintenance and management. The program is spearheaded by the Virgin Islands Professional Charter Yacht Association (VIPCA). The program graduated seven students in 2018 and 10 students in 2019.

Graduates of USVI high schools ages 18-25 are eligible to apply for the 2020 program. **To apply, [click here.](#)**

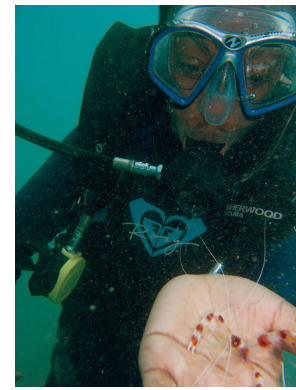




Next Generation of Philanthropists

Thank you to everyone who came out to CFVI's Next Generation of Philanthropists event, hosted by Fintrac. More than 50 guests enjoyed cocktails, food by Sabroso and conversation while learning more about the expanding network of young philanthropists in the Territory and how to get involved and make an impact in the community. To top it off, attendees were treated to a surprise guest appearance by the popular reggae artist from St. Thomas, Pressure Busspipe. It was a great event for an even greater cause - building forward to a better tomorrow.

[To view more photos from the event, click here.](#)



Euan P. McFarlane Environmental Leadership Award

The Advisory Committee of the Euan P. McFarlane Environmental Leadership Award of the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI) is pleased to announce the selection of Alexandra Pierre (of Haiti) for receipt of the 2019 McFarlane Award, in recognition of her important work as a dedicated and passionate environmentalist. Ms. Pierre was selected from a field of ten nominations that also included individuals from Barbados, Curacao, the Dominican Republic, Nevis, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

[To read the full article, click here.](#)



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