



Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands

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Message from the Chairman and the President


It's not unusual for one of CFVI's closest friends and supporters to say, "I didn't know CFVI did that!" So we'd like to take a moment in this letter to summarize the work of the Community Foundation.

CFVI gives away more than \$1.5 million every year in grants, scholarships and services throughout the Virgin Islands. **CFVI works with donors** to provide information and guidance to assist them with achieving their philanthropic goals through grant-making and program support. **CFVI provides financial oversight** to assure donors that their contributions are used in a way that is consistent with IRS regulations and are tax-deductible to the fullest extent permitted by law. CFVI's financial statements are audited each year by an independent financial auditor.


CFVI helps by creating programs to address needs in the community. CFVI currently administers 17 programs (plus an additional 16 scholarship programs) including Anderson Teacher Grants; Junior Angels; Dictionary Project (+ Thesauruses & Atlases); Hodge Senior Citizen Assistance; Junior Philanthropists; Next Generation Scholars; KIDS COUNT; Laws

of Life; Mini-Grants; Rapid Response Grants; Time for Kids; VI Cancer Patient; and The Family Connection, which is the Foundation's major early childhood initiative. **CFVI also provides free fiscal sponsorships** to assist smaller non-profit initiatives with the financial and reporting requirements, including Dancing Classrooms of the VI, Horse Welfare Foundation, Camp Shriver, HUGS, Smith Bay Community Action and Patient Assist VI.

How is the work of CFVI funded? CFVI is unique among community foundations because we charge **no administrative fees** to our Funds or Programs. Generous **CFVI Angel** donations of \$500 or greater support all programs, operating costs, and much of CFVI community outreach each year. Our 2013 campaign is in progress now! Please visit our website or call CFVI to join this wonderful network!



Ricardo J. Charaf
Chairman of the Board



Dee Baecher-Brown
President

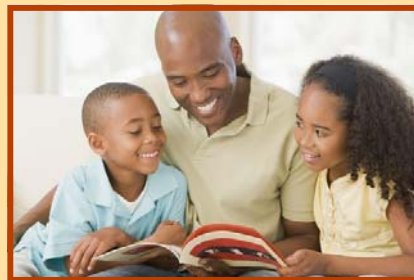
Angels
keep dreams alive!

Angels are those essential people in the life of CFVI who make an annual gift of \$500 or more. People from all walks of life are Angels.

CFVI programs, operating costs, and much of our community outreach are provided each year through generous donations from our Angels. Angel gifts support all we do in the community.

Each spring, all CFVI Angels are celebrated and honored at a gala Angel Reception.

*"I view my annual Angel gift as an investment
in the future of our Virgin Islands."
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Choose your wings and
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\$15,000 Excelsior Diamond Angel
\$10,000 Jubilee Diamond Angel
\$7,500 Diamond Angel
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\$1,000 Silver Angel
\$500 Angel

*Be an
Angel*

All contributions are tax deductible.
To make a donation online, please visit us at
www.cfvi.net/donate/donate.php.

TFC Center's Grand Opening

More than 100 parents, children and community members attended the opening of the new and expanded TFC Center in Tutu Park Mall. TFC is a free resource center and lending library which provides children's books and toys as well as educational and professional development materials related to early childhood education.

The center is an oasis for parents with young children to come to and engage in play and reading or to participate in activities such as movement and music, painting and drawing, story hours, and Dad and me. It is specifically designed for an audience of young children and their siblings, mothers, fathers, grandparents as well as child care providers and teachers on St. Thomas. Children and their parents can engage in various learning activities including: making playdough, building structures with recyclable objects, science investigations, etc.

The TFC Center is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to accommodate parents' and teachers' schedules. TFC is located near the entrance of Domino's, and in the vicinity of St. Thomas East End Medical Center and WIC (Women, Infants and Children) offices. For more information on TFC call (340) 777-0990.



TFC's new location at Tutu Park Mall, located near the entrance of Domino's Pizza.



First Lady Cecile de Jongh welcomes expectant mothers at a baby shower held at TFC.

Text4Baby Holds Baby Shower

First Lady Cecile de Jongh in partnership with The Family Connection, a CFVI program, and the Early Childhood Advisory Committee, a committee of the governor's Children and Families Council, hosted two text4baby baby showers—one on St. Thomas and one on St. Croix. These two events welcomed expectant moms and dads who signed up for the text4baby free text messaging service.

Text4baby is a partnership with the national text4baby program that provides maternal and child health tips and reminders for expecting and new parents with babies up to one year of age. The goal is to elevate the conversation about healthy pregnancies, including how to maintain a healthy lifestyle after childbirth and to encourage early education and proper care, from the start.



Children enjoying the many educational toys at the new TFC Center.

Kimelman Family \$50,000 Challenge

CFVI has received a challenge grant of \$50,000 from the Kimelman Family in support of TFC. The Kimelman grant is designed to provide an added incentive to Virgin Islands businesses to support early childhood excellence in the Virgin Islands.

The Kimelman Family will provide a dollar-for-dollar match, up to \$50,000 total, for every new donation of \$2,500 or more made by a business to The Family Connection. To encourage long-term commitment on the part of businesses, the Kimelman grant would require a second-year pledge as well.

Businesses are stepping up to help, recognizing what recent research has documented: that early childhood programs can pay high returns in terms of subsequent educational attainment and in lower rates of social problems, such as teenage pregnancy and welfare dependency.

A donation is eligible to be matched by the challenge grant if it is:

- a first-time cash contribution to TFC from a business or corporation;
- made during the 12-month time frame of Oct. 1, 2012 to Sept. 30, 2013;
- a pledge to give an identical amount in year two; and
- in the range of at least \$2,500 a year (i.e. \$5,000 over two years) up to a maximum donation of \$25,000 a year (i.e. \$50,000 over two years).

Individuals or businesses wishing to know more about the Kimelman Challenge Grant or CFVI should call 774-6031 or visit our website at www.cfvi.net.

Marine Vocational Program VI Receives Grant

The Boy Scouts' pilot Marine Vocational Program (MVP), because of its measurable success, is seeking to expand the MVP to include more students and classes. The MVP received its first grant award of \$5,000 from CFVI. Millions of visitors come to St. Thomas each year to swim, dive, sail and sport fish. Now, through the MVP, the goal is to introduce young islanders to a variety of water sports so that they can turn this sea-worthy asset into a career provider in the future.



AT&T Awards Grants

Atlas Project – The AT&T Foundation presented an award of \$10,000 to CFVI to support the creation of Project Atlas. This project provided paperback atlases to every public and private school 7th grader in the Territory. These books will complement their world geography studies. Approximately 1,900 books have been distributed to date.

Arts Alive – In response to a second grant application made to the AT&T Foundation, CFVI received a \$25,000 grant award to support the Arts Alive Student Performance Initiative & Youth Scholarship Program. This scholarship program will support young talented Virgin Islands artists and musicians in their quest to further their education through attending off-island workshops, camps and colleges during the summer of 2013.

Anderson Family Fund Gives Teacher Grants

The Anderson Family Fund "Teacher Grants Program" provided funding on a competitive basis for projects that seek to improve student achievement. Recipients of these included 29 teachers and paraprofessionals working with 17 schools on St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John. Two other grants supported efforts in multiple schools. A total of \$25,000 in grants ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 each was awarded in 2012.

VI Scholars Summer Leadership Institute

In its second year, the VI Scholars Summer Leadership Institute returned to St. John with its free, three-week program. The Institute offered daily sessions focusing on how to succeed, motivate others and improve their communities to 13 public, private, and parochial high school students from St. Thomas and St. John. These students formed groups in which each conceived a different way to impact their community. VI Scholars is under the fiscal umbrella of CFVI.

St. Ursula's Center Received Donation



With the assistance of a \$2,000 grant CFVI and other donors on St. Thomas and St. John, the seniors attending the daily meal program at St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center on St. John have had their transportation service restored. This service is especially important for those who cannot or do not drive and do not have friends or relatives who can assist them with

transportation to the center daily where they fellowship and take part in the lunch program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mini Grants

CFVI is accepting applications for its 2013 mini grants which are available to community initiatives, non-profit organizations, school-based groups and individuals who propose innovative programs that support the mission of CFVI. The grants offered range from **\$250 to \$1,000**.

Visit our website—www.cfvi.net—for more information and to download the application. Applications may also be obtained by sending a request to general.info@cfvi.net or by calling our office at (340) 774-6031.

Deadline: February 13, 2013

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Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarships

CFVI and GERS scholarship applications are now available at CFVI. The various scholarships and their eligibility requirements are listed on CFVI's website—www.cfvi.net—as they become available.

A separate application is posted for graduate students pursuing a degree in the Humanities, Marine and Environmental Sciences, Alternative Medicine, Pharmacy or Nursing.

Applications may be downloaded from the website at www.cfvi.net or a request may be sent to general.info@cfvi.net.

Undergraduate Deadline: March 15, 2013

Graduate Deadline: March 29, 2013

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Laws of Life Essay Contest

The Laws of Life Essay Contest is underway. Students from the four public high schools, as part of their English class curriculum, are invited to submit an essay about a Law of Life which has personally affected them.

The contest is a character education program designed to motivate students to think and write about their values.

Contest winners will be announced at awards receptions on St. Thomas and on St. Croix in May. This contest is funded through a grant from the Gruber Foundation.

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About CFVI . . .

In 1990 the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI) began with a \$540,000+ gift from Henry and Charlotte Kimelman. Since then, hundreds of local residents have added their gifts, and CFVI has given away more than \$14.5 million. Today, CFVI's assets are at \$7.5 million.

Anyone can help. Your gift to CFVI can help meet the community's immediate needs, and because CFVI has many permanently invested funds, your gift or fund can grow to meet tomorrow's challenges. You can make a difference by establishing a new fund, making a gift to an existing fund, naming CFVI as a beneficiary of your estate plans through the Mahogany Legacy program or becoming an annual CFVI Angel supporter.

For Good. Forever!

Next Generation Scholars

The Next Generation Scholars (NGS) Program seeks to provide high school sophomores and juniors, who will be the first in their families to attend college, with the coaching and support necessary to help them achieve their dreams of higher education. The program focuses on preparation for the college application process, career exploration and life skills training that will foster success in life. Parental participation is a key component of the program and is done through participation in workshops, seminars, and individual family meetings. This program is provided through a grant from the Lana Vento Charitable Trust.



The NGS working on personal statements and college applications during drop-in hours with the college coach at TFC.

KIDS COUNT Hosts Data Workshop

The USVI KIDS COUNT team hosted in 2012 a 3-day visit on-island by Dr. Mark Mather, Associate Vice President of the Population Reference Bureau (PRB) in Washington DC. He participated in three community meetings with local data providers for our annual USVI KIDS COUNT Data Report.

Discussions included the introduction of important new data points to be collected and reported.

Working with the KIDS COUNT staff and CFVI, the PRB will compile, analyze and publish this year an overview of Census 2010 findings on the well-being of children and families in the Territory.

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