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CFVI Receives \$25,000 Donation from Theodore Tunick & Company

Funds to Benefit Lutheran Social Services of the Virgin Islands

and Ebenezer Gardens Senior Housing Facility



From left to right: Ebenezer Gardens Project Manager, Ian Williams; Theodore Tunick & Company Claims Manager, Geo-Ann Strann and Sales Executive Colin Probyn; Lutheran Social Services of the Virgin Islands (LSSVI) CEO, Junia John-Straker; CFVI President, Dee Baecher-Brown; Theodore Tunick & Company Office Manager, Crystel Benjamin; and LSSVI Board President Henry Smock, Esq.

U.S. Virgin Islands, March 5, 2020 — The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI) recently received a contribution of \$25,000 from Theodore Tunick & Company to benefit the Ebenezer Gardens Senior Housing Facility.

Lutheran Social Services of the Virgin Islands (LSSVI), which operates Ebenezer Gardens, identified a number of critical needs for the housing facility, one of which is to renovate public spaces to enhance services and accessibility for residents. Specifically, the grant funds will allow LSSVI to begin construction of a new office area for the social service coordinator and AmeriCorps staff members.

"Currently, the staff members are located on the bottom floor of the facility, which is not easily accessible to all of the residents, many of which have mobility limitations," explained LSSVI CEO Junia John-Straker. "It is also in a shared public space, which makes it inconvenient for residents who desire private meetings with the social service coordinator."

Funds from the donation will go toward construction costs, office furniture and supplies.

"CFVI has worked closely with LSSVI on a number of initiatives over the years, and has great appreciation for the critical role of the organization, which provides services for

children, elderly, individuals with disabilities, expectant mothers, and low-income clients," said CFVI President Dee Baecher-Brown.

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About the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands

Since 1990, the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI) has been a catalyst for positive change in the Territory through initiatives committed to youth, learning, family support and the environment. With a professional staff and a volunteer Board of Directors composed of community leaders, CFVI is a trusted advocate and supporter of programs that ensure opportunity and sustainability for current and future generations. CFVI is a registered non-profit organization entirely supported by individual donors, grants, trusts, corporate donations and estate planning. For more information, visit cfvi.net.

About Lutheran Social Services of the Virgin Islands

Lutheran Social Services of the Virgin Islands is the largest private child and family services agency in the U.S. Virgin Islands. We offer a variety of programs and services for children and adults in need. Our enduring commitment is to "serve one another with love." LSSVI provides homes, health and emotional care as well as outreach services for the community. Our priorities include: child welfare, crisis intervention, services for the seniors, programs for individuals with disabilities and family enrichment. For more information, visit lssvi.org.