

Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands

Grant from CFVI Provides Health Screenings for VI Students



A student in St. Croix receives a hearing screening from an AFT Nurse.

In conjunction with the Clinton Global Initiative Action Network, CFVI partnered with Airlink and the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) to provide vital preventative health screenings to over 5,000 students throughout the Territory. Airlink associates Jet Blue, Spirit Airlines and United Airlines provided transportation to the USVI for 24 AFT nurses who conducted health assessments, while CFVI provided funding and coordination assistance to facilitate the nurses' visit, which took place in early April.

"This Commitment to Action is a meaningful step toward helping the Caribbean region recover," said Airlink President and CEO Steven J. Smith. "We're honored to be partnering with AFT and others as they focus on bringing preventative healthcare measures to thousands of children and we're grateful to our airline partners for recognizing the ongoing needs in this region."

CFVI has pledged to continue engaging with initiative partners to explore opportunities to contribute to meeting follow-up needs of students (e.g., those needing eyeglasses) as well as screenings for those students who were not reached in the initial visit.

CFVI Awards over \$375,000 in Scholarships & Scholar-Grants

In the largest scholarship cycle to date, CFVI awarded \$127,181 in scholarships and \$250,000 in FFVI scholar-grants to Virgin Island students seeking higher education, with special consideration for those that experienced hardships due to Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

In the aftermath of Hurricanes Irma and Maria, CFVI understood that students were faced with a number of challenges that would impact their academic pursuits. Students who were displaced out of the Territory by the storms, were also eligible to apply. CFVI did additional outreach to applicants and hosted open house sessions for students on St. Thomas at the Foundation's office and on St Croix at the UVI campus. These workshops gave students the opportunity to complete pending scholarship applications if they had limited access to technology.

For more than 20 years, CFVI has provided scholarships to more than 800 students throughout the Territory. Thanks to dedicated donors throughout the community, graduate, undergraduate and vocational students receive additional support to pursue their dreams of higher education. A full listing of award recipients can be found on the CFVI website.

If you are interested in opening a scholarship fund, please contact Development Partner, Katrin Braddell, at katrinb@cfvi.net or call our office at 340-774-6031.

To stay up-to-date on CFVI's annual scholarship application cycle, join our e-mail list by signing up at our website.

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Celebrating 20 Years of Angelic Support!



Two of our Angels attend the annual Angels appreciation reception in May 2018.

Hurricanes Irma and Maria left a devastating mark on the landscape, infrastructure and residents of the Territory. But, thanks to 20 YEARS of ANGELIC support, CFVI was in a position to serve as a philanthropic first responder just days after Hurricane Irma's arrival in the Territory. 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 CFVI Angels. Programs, operating costs, and much of our community outreach are provided each year through generous donations from CFVI Angels. Angel gifts support all we do in the community.

In just a matter of months, more than 20 different hurricane relief funds and fiscal sponsorships were established at CFVI to assist in the immediate, mid- and long-term recovery of our Islands! In total, over \$14 million, in more than 10,000 individual contributions, was received by CFVI in less than 6 months following the storms! Thanks to CFVI Angels, 100% of the \$14 million raised by CFVI is going to support relief, recovery and renewal efforts as we build forward.

Since September 2017, CFVI has awarded more than \$12 million in grants to support hurricane relief efforts in the Territory! Over 100 organizations and efforts on St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John have been recipients of those grants.

Thank you ANGELS for your unwavering support!

If you would like to join the largest philanthropic network in the Territory, contact our Development Partner, Katrin Braddell, at katrinb@cfvi.net or visit <https://www.cfvi.net/donate/>

Grantee Highlight: World Ocean School



Students participate in activities for the *Roseway* on St. Croix.

Since 2006, World Ocean School has been providing transformative experiential education programs for students aboard the historic schooner, *Roseway*. With funding from CFVI, WOS maintained its efforts despite post-hurricane challenges, offering extracurricular programming to 292 elementary, junior high, and high school students from eight condemned schools in St. Croix during the 2017-2018 school year.

Through this unique program, students are welcomed on board for an experiential education at sea that empowers them to reach their potential as productive, responsible and engaged community

members.

Youth from across the island worked 13 hours on average, learning geography and history lessons related to St. Croix, as well as physics and math lessons relevant to the *Roseway*. Of the 292 students, five high school students were given the opportunity to be trained as junior crew members, participating in maintenance with *Roseway's* professional crew and receiving US Coast Guard recognized sea-time letters at the end of their service.

Staff Highlight: Beth Nuttall

Hometown: Addlestone, Surrey, England

Education: BS in Business Administration with a Concentration in Management and Minor in Spanish

Describe your role at CFVI: I am a jack of all trades handling various funds, accounts receivable, accounts payable, donor relations, database administration, and office management.

What is the best part of your job? I get to be involved in all aspects of the organization.

Random fact about yourself: I played one year of Division I volleyball and 3 years of Division III volleyball and was a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority at Centenary College of Louisiana.



Beth Nuttall, Executive Manager

Fiscal Sponsorship Highlight: 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 clean-ups, MRF launched its Marine Apprenticeship, a five-week intensive program providing training in the marine charter industry to young adults from St. Thomas and St. John.

Fiscal sponsorship is just one more way that CFVI supports efforts benefiting our communities, by providing fiscal and administrative oversight to budding non-profits and other community initiatives.

Students out training via the Marine Apprenticeship program.



CFVI Participates in Clinton Global Initiative Action Network



CFVI Chairman George Dudley and CFVI President Dee Baecher-Brown, along with Board Members Lawrence Kupfer and Marjorie Rawls Roberts attend the CGI Action Network meetings in Miami.

In April and again in August, members of CFVI's staff and Board of Directors joined more than 300 business, government and philanthropic leaders from the US and Caribbean to participate in the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) Action Network on Post-Disaster Recovery in Miami, Florida. Participants discussed the challenges remaining throughout the Caribbean in the wake of Hurricanes Irma and Maria and collaborated to create solutions addressing the unique needs of each island community.

The CGI Action Network works directly with local leaders to address critical needs in areas such as health care, housing, education, mental health and climate resiliency. In April, CFVI's partnership with AFT/Airlink was featured in an on-stage presentation. In August, Dee Baecher-Brown participated in the "Local Champions" plenary panel discussion.

Earlier this year, members of CFVI Board and staff met with President Clinton during his tour of the US Virgin Islands to assess territorial recovery efforts and seek his ongoing support. Upcoming CGI Action Network meetings will be held in the Caribbean, with Puerto Rico hosting a January convening at which a new CFVI commitment to action will be announced.

New Fund Highlight: Doing Good Fund



Nia and teammate attend a swim meet.

Established by 11-year-old Nia Blumenfield in honor of her Bat Mitzvah, the Doing Good Fund aims to support nonprofits in the Virgin Islands and throughout the world that are improving and saving lives. The first set of grants will support the St. Thomas Swimming Association and its programs saving lives by teaching swim lessons in the Virgin Islands.

According to the World Health Organization, drowning is among the leading causes of death of children and young people in every region of the world, with children aged under 5 years disproportionately at risk and males twice as likely to drown as females. Low-income populations are at greater risk – especially in countries where people live near water.

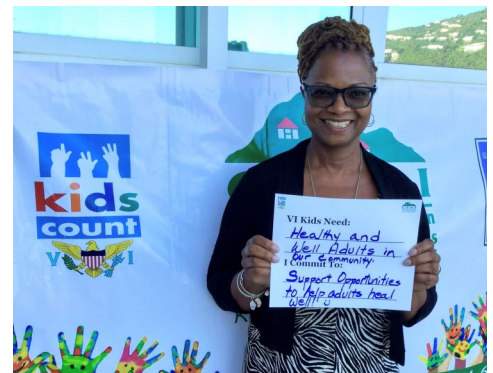
“I learned that unlike other injuries, once someone starts to drown, the outcome is usually fatal. This is why prevention is key. I was once terrified of the water. I couldn’t even put my head underwater! Ten years later with the support of my family, coaches, and teammates, I’m no longer afraid of the water. In fact, I love swimming and have become a competitive swimmer. Learning how to swim increased my confidence and joy. It is one of the greatest gifts I was given. Please help me to pass this gift on to save lives,” said Blumenfield. Visit <http://bit.ly/DoingGoodFund> to donate to the Doing Good Fund.

KIDS COUNT 2018 Community Forums & Data Book Release

KIDS COUNT Community Forums were held in St. Croix and St. Thomas in December, providing an opportunity for a range of stakeholders to come together to discuss the well-being of the Territory’s children and families. Highlights from the newly-released 2016 USVI KIDS COUNT Data Book were shared, fostering rich discussion around the challenges and opportunities presented.

USVI KIDS COUNT is part of a national initiative, sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, to create a detailed community-by-community picture of the condition of children nationwide.

For more information from the forums, to access the 2016 Data Book, or to keep up-to-date with the latest news from USVI KIDS COUNT, visit <https://usvikidscount.weebly.com/>.



Social Media outreach from our 2018 forum. See the impact persons in our community are committing to!!

2018-2019 Directory of Community Organizations

In the coming months, CFVI will be producing the 2018-2019 Directory of Community Organizations, which provides a comprehensive list and profiles of non-profits and community serving organizations to guide philanthropic giving and to bring awareness to the services available in the community. **If you are a member of a community-serving organization and would like your organization’s information to be included in this publication, contact us at 340-774-6031 or e-mail general.info@cfvi.net**

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