



Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands

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CFVI Represents Territory at National Book Festival

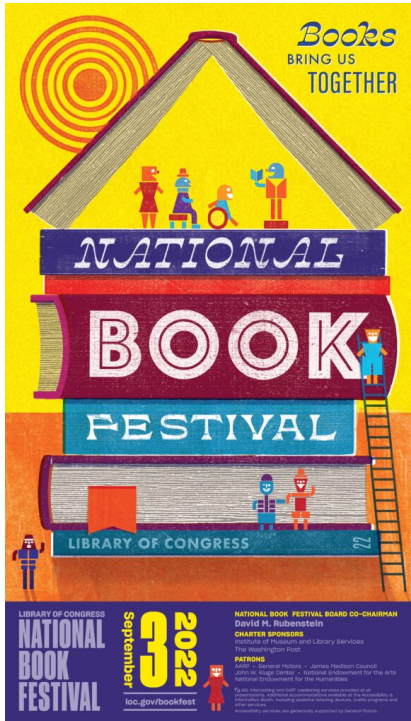
As part of its role as the USVI's Center for the Book, CFVI hosted a table at the 2022 National Book Festival last month at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C.

CFVI attended the festival to represent and promote the U.S. Virgin Islands for literacy and reading, as well as a potential tourism destination for visitors. Festival attendance from children and families has skyrocketed from 25,000 in 2001 to more than 200,000 in 2019.

"It was a unique opportunity to engage both young people and adults with information about the U.S.

Virgin Islands, including our local culture, heritage, and history," said CFVI President, Dee Baecher-Brown. "With our partners in USVI Tourism, we appreciated the opportunity to spread awareness of the rich cultural and environmental treasures in the Virgin Islands, and to entice an increasing number of visitors to explore the many varied wonders of our islands."





As part of the festival, each state and territory affiliate is invited to name a children's and adult book as its designated Great Reads for 2022 and a list of the books is distributed during the festival. Each book is selected by a local Center for the Book or state library and most are for children and young readers. Books may be written by authors from the state, take place in the state, or celebrate the state's culture and heritage.

"James and the Fireburn," and "Fireburn the Screenplay," both by best-selling author Angela Golden Bryan, were designated as the USVI's children's and adult Great Reads for 2022, respectively.

[For more information about the books and the author, click here.](#)

[Read a related article in The VI Source here.](#)

Friends of CFVI Reception in DC a Success

In conjunction with its participation in the National Book Festival, CFVI hosted a "friendraising" reception at Planet Word Museum in Washington, DC.

Attendees had the opportunity to learn more about CFVI and how they can support the work of the Foundation.



Approximately 50 people attended, including representatives from Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett's Office, National Endowment for the Humanities, Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, Virgin Islands Association of DC, Island Resources Foundation, Fireburn Foundation,



as well as CFVI fund donors and scholarship recipients, and other friends, partners, and supporters of the Foundation.

[To view a highlights presentation of CFVI's DC events, click here.](#)

CFVI Awards \$50,000 in Popular VI Community Fund Grants

\$50,000 of initial funding awarded to five grantees



Oran Roebuck, Senior Vice President and Division Manager of Popular's Virgin Islands Region, left, presents a \$100,000 check to CFVI President, Dee Baecher-Brown, which established the Popular VI Community Fund at the Foundation.

CFVI awarded \$50,000 in grants from the recently established Popular VI Community Fund. Grants of \$10,000 each went to five USVI nonprofit organizations that provide direct services in the areas of youth programs, entrepreneurship, and/or environmental protection.

- Gifft Hill School
- Lion Haven St. Croix Community Center
- United Jazz Foundation
- Caribbean Museum Center for the Arts (CMCArts)
- VI Justice Initiative

[To learn more about the Fund, click here.](#)

[To learn more about the initial round of grantees, click here.](#)

CFVI Launches 2023 Angels Giving Campaign

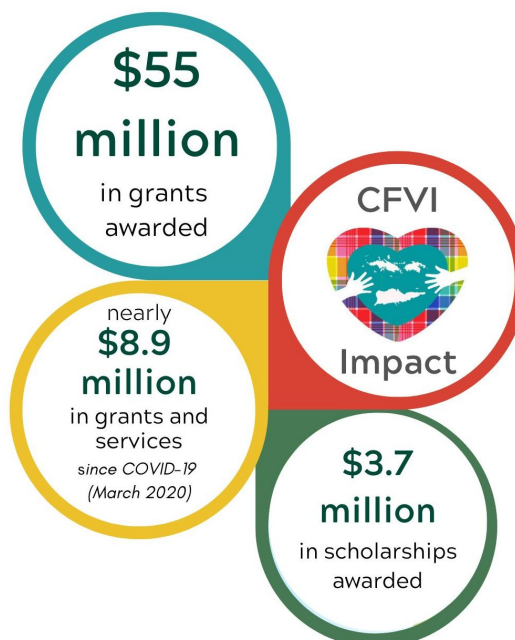
Anyone can join the largest philanthropic network supporting the USVI for just \$1.34 per day, or less than \$42 per month

CFVI recently announced the launch of its **2023 Angels Giving Campaign**, which raises funds that directly contribute to the well-being of Virgin Islands residents.

The CFVI Angels community is the largest philanthropic network in the territory. Since 1999, Angels have provided **\$7.5 million** in unrestricted funding from individual and business donors who contribute \$500 or more annually to the Foundation.

Since the arrival of the pandemic in March 2020, CFVI has provided nearly **\$8.9 million** in grants and services to the territory.

[To learn more about the 2023 campaign, click here.](#)

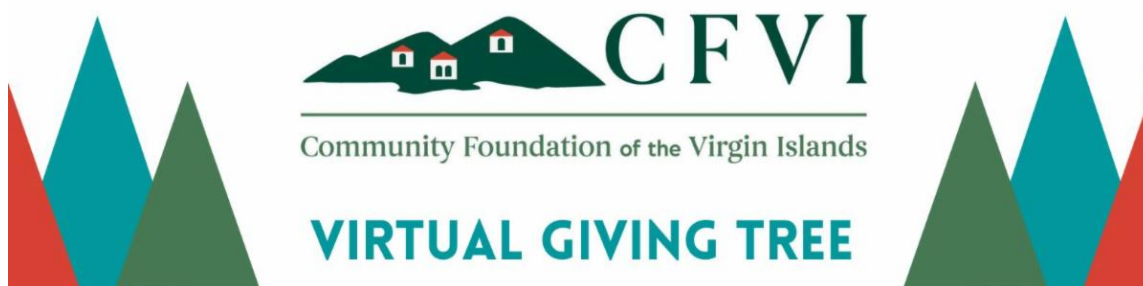


To make a 2023 Angel donation,

CLICK HERE!!

Together we can do great things!

[To learn more about CFVI Angels, click here.](#)



CFVI Virtual Giving Tree Project Returns for the Holidays

USVI nonprofit organizations asked to submit holiday-related needs by November 30

CFVI is bringing back its popular Virtual Giving Tree project for the third year in a row just in time for the holidays.

The Foundation has once again set up an online form and is asking USVI nonprofit organizations to submit specific needs and requests by **Wednesday, November 30, 2022**. The form can be accessed by visiting cfvi.co/2022VirtualGivingTree.

Anyone wanting to support the project is invited to make a general donation online at cfvi.co/DonateGivingTree2022. All of the proceeds will go directly to support the holiday-related needs of USVI nonprofits.

For more information and for donors interested in funding a specific need and/or organization, contact Davica Brathwaite, Grants and Programs Manager, at davicab@cfvi.net.

[To learn more, click here.](#)

Nonprofits Invited to Apply for Available Catchafire Slots

CFVI invites interested USVI nonprofits to apply for one of seven spots currently available in its third Catchafire cohort. CFVI will continue to provide free subscriptions to the online platform through January 2024.



Catchafire's pro bono capacity-building volunteers can help organizations with a wide variety of projects ranging in areas from marketing and fundraising to human resources and technology.

Since September 2019, **66 nonprofits** throughout the territory have connected with skilled volunteers on **397 projects and calls** resulting in a total of **7,120 volunteer hours donated** and more than **\$1,202,169 saved**.

To apply, the organization must be either a nonprofit registered locally, have 501c3 status, be fiscally sponsored, or a church.

Fill out and submit an application [here](#). Questions? email general.info@cfvi.net.

Euan P. McFarlane Award to Honor Environmental Leadership in the Insular Caribbean

Nominations now being accepted for the 2022 Award

DEADLINE: Nominations must be received no later than **November 30, 2022**



For over three decades, one Caribbean award has consistently recognized and honored individuals in the insular Caribbean who demonstrate exceptional environmental leadership. Since 1987, 31 individuals from 19 Caribbean islands have been recipients of the **Euan P. McFarlane**

Environmental Leadership Award, established to acknowledge individuals who have displayed *exemplary* leadership on behalf of the environment in the insular Caribbean. Their efforts have been an inspiration for their home islands and served as models for the Caribbean region.

Since 2020, the McFarlane Award has focused on honoring younger environmental leaders, 30 years of age or younger. As such, the Award provides encouragement and recognition to emerging leaders and emphasizes the innovative achievements of a new generation of Caribbean trailblazers.

The Euan P. McFarlane Award was endowed by the late Laurance S. Rockefeller and was administered by Island Resources Foundation from 1987-2014. The award is now managed by the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI) as a part of its philanthropic portfolio of support for youth, learning, families, and the environment.

[To learn more and submit a nomination, click here.](#)



The graphic features a teal banner at the top with a red GivingTuesday logo. Below the banner, the text "Together we give." is centered, followed by "SAVE THE DATE" in a white box. The bottom section contains three logos: CFVI (Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands), GIVING TUESDAY (November 29, 2022), and a heart-shaped logo with hands holding a globe.

GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of radical generosity. GivingTuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Since then, it has grown into a year-round global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.

Join the movement and give – each Tuesday and every day – whether it’s some of your time, a donation, or the power of your voice in your local community.

We invite you to show your generosity in any number of ways during GivingTuesday. It’s a simple idea: whether it’s making someone smile, helping a neighbor or stranger out, showing up for an issue or people we care about, or giving some of what we have to those who need our help, every act of generosity counts and everyone has something to contribute toward building the better world we all want to live in.

[Learn more at givingtuesday.org.](https://givingtuesday.org)

Grantee Spotlight

Virgin Islands Children's Museum

The Virgin Islands Children's Museum is hosting game nights specifically for teenagers and their adult caregivers. Teen Time is a safe, in-person learning opportunity designed to support the students’ social, emotional, mental health and academic needs. This is a great space for families to Explore, Play and Discover together!

There is no cost to the teens and

Teen Time
Game Night at the Virgin Islands Children's Museum

Buccaneer Mall
Havensight,
St. Thomas USVI
5:30-7:30 PM
This event is free to the public

12+

Social and Emotional Support,
Math Tutoring, Food, Fun and
Games for adolescents and Parents!

Current CDC guidelines and local
mandates will be followed.

Scan the QR Code
to learn more!

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guardians who participate, and transportation is available for some groups.

The next Teen Time's are planned for November 4th and 18th.

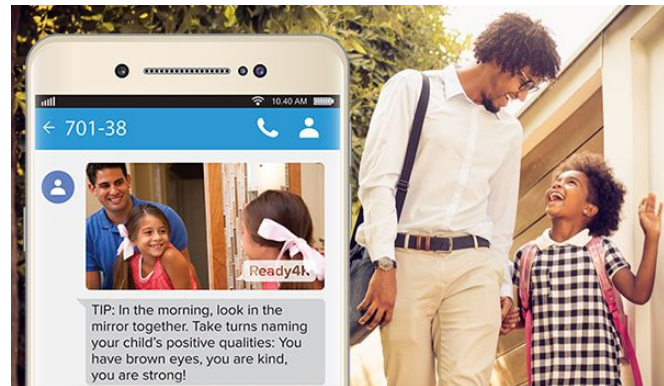
[To learn more and view the full schedule, click here.](#)

Ready 4K Promotes Child Development

Text-based curriculum is available FREE through the end of the year

Ready 4K, a text-based based family engagement curriculum, promotes child development from birth to fourth grade.

Parents and caregivers receive daily texts that consist of fun facts and easy tips on how to promote their child's development by building on existing family routines.



Join the families of more than 560 children in the territory already using Ready4K! Simply text the code **CFVI** to **70138** to start receiving messages today. By entering your cell phone number you agree to enroll in the program and receive ParentPowered text messages from 70138. While there is no cost for enrolling, data and message rates may apply. You can cancel the text messages at any time by texting STOP to 70138.

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2022-2023

Directory of Community Organizations

To access the directory via a print/PDF version, or to be included in the directory, visit <https://cfvi.net/local-nonprofit-directory/>.

To request a hard copy of the print version, contact general.info@cfvi.net.

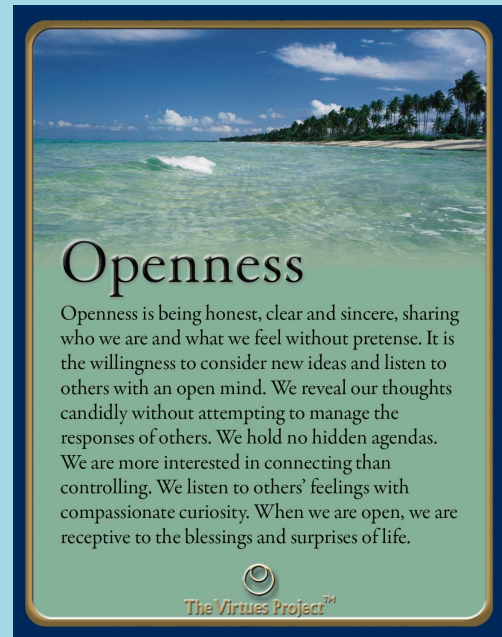
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Share Virtue of the Week with Others!

Do you know someone who would like to receive the Virtue of the Week? Simply forward this email to them and they can sign up by clicking on the button below.

The Virtues Project, a global grassroots initiative to inspire the practice of virtues in everyday life, sparking a global revolution of kindness, justice, and integrity in more than 100 countries.

The Project defines virtues as "the essence of the human spirit and the content of our character." The mission of The Virtues Project is to inspire people of all cultures to remember who we really are, what we aspire to be, and to live by our highest values.



[Sign up to receive the Virtue of the Week!](#)

CFVI is an Amazon Smile Charity

Did you know that CFVI is an Amazon Smile charity?

Shop at smile.amazon.com, select Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands as your charity, and Amazon donates 0.5% of eligible purchases to CFVI—no fees, no extra cost. Same products, same prices, same service.

Experience feel-good shopping today at smile.amazon.com!



CFVI a Participating Charity in Combined Federal Campaign



The mission of the CFC is to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient, and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.

CFC is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign, with almost 200 CFC campaigns throughout the country and overseas raising millions of dollars each year. Pledges made by Federal civilian, postal and military donors during the campaign season support eligible non-profit organizations, like CFVI, that provide health and human service benefits throughout the world.

[To learn more about the CFC, click here.](#)

CFVI Combined Federal Campaign Information:

CFC Sunshine Zone 22

CFC# 45789

EIN 66-0470703

For Grantees: Grant Recognition Guidelines

We appreciate an acknowledgement of your grant from CFVI in whatever ways are within your organization's communications capabilities. We encourage you to send us press releases or copies of publications or media coverage that mentions your grant. Please refer to the [CFVI Grant Recognition Guidelines](#) for more information, or contact Sean Liphard, CFVI Communications and Development Manager, at seanl@cfvi.net.

New Funds and Fiscal Sponsorships

Bimla Mohanani Memorial Cancer - Donor Advised Fund

VI Justice Initiative - Fiscal Sponsorship



Spread the Good News!

Help us spread the word about the important work CFVI is supporting throughout our U.S. Virgin Islands. Forward this newsletter to your colleagues, friends and family, and invite them to follow us on social media and join our mailing list!

[Join Our Mailing List](#)

Platinum
Transparency
2022

Candid.

We are proud to have earned Candid's Platinum Seal of Transparency by sharing our key metrics and highlighting the impact we're making.



We are proud to have earned the Charity Navigator 4-Star Rating for demonstrating strong financial health

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CFVI is a proud member of the



We are proud to be a vetted organization by GlobalGiving, which recognizes CFVI as a trusted partner and change-maker in the world.



CFVI has been honored by the Library of Congress with an invitation to serve as the Center for the Book for the U.S. Virgin Islands.



CFVI was voted Best Nonprofit Organization for 2020-2021 in The Virgin Islands Daily News' annual reader's poll. The Foundation also won the 2018-2019 designation for Best Youth Oriented Organization.

CFVI Office Hours

Currently, our office is staffed on Wednesdays and Fridays, with employees working remotely Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

Please call or email us before visiting the CFVI office as our hours fluctuate due to the ongoing pandemic.

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