



Press Release

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Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands Invites the Public to the Ribbon-Cutting for a Born Learning Trail at Alvin McBean Recreation Complex Wednesday December 7, 2011

St. Thomas, VI – The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI) is excited to announce the **rescheduled** opening of another Born Learning Trail on St. Thomas located at the Alvin McBean Recreation Complex in Estate Tutu. The trail includes 6 signs designed to assist parents and child care providers with creative ideas on communicating and interacting with their children. A special ribbon-cutting event which was previously cancelled due to inclement weather, has been re-scheduled for Wednesday, December 7th at 10 a.m. CFVI invites members of the press and public to come by and check out the trail. This wonderful project is being sponsored by Sal and Marie Griffith and done in conjunction with the Department of Housing, Parks & Recreation. Light refreshments will be served.

Born Learning is a national public engagement campaign helping parents, caregivers and communities create early learning opportunities for young children. It is built on awareness, education and action. Born Learning is an initiative of The Family Connection (TFC), CFVI's program to strengthen the community child care and early education infrastructure in the U.S. Virgin Islands. TFC was initiated in 2004 by the CFVI Board of Directors and is designed to provide programs, training, networking and resources to child care providers, early education professionals, and parents of young children, on St. Croix, St. Thomas, and St. John. Other Born Learning Trails have been placed by CFVI at Magens Bay, Winston Raymo Recreation Center & Playground, the Lindbergh Bay Playground and Waterpark, and Altoona Lagoon in Gallows Bay.

The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands was established in 1990 with a \$540,000 endowment from Henry and Charlotte Kimelman. Today, the Community Foundation has more than \$7 million in assets and provides more than \$2 million in annual grants, awards and scholarships across St. Croix, St. Thomas, St. John and Water Island. CFVI manages more than 100 named funds, administers scholarships and award programs, and coordinates the establishment of memorial funds. For information about CFVI, TFC or how you can become a sponsor of a Born Learning Trail please call 774-6031, write P.O. Box 11790, St. Thomas, USVI, 00801, or visit the website at www.cfvi.net.