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**\$20,250 in Teacher Grants Awarded from the
ANDERSON FAMILY FUND for EDUCATION at
THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**

The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI) awarded \$20,250 in grants from the Anderson Family Fund for Education to 30 teachers and professionals within 14 public schools on St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John. The grants which range from \$400 to \$1,000 are intended to enhance the learning opportunities for the students.

“An evaluation committee reviewed 64 proposals received from an impressive pool of applicants. Priority was given to those proposals where students would be directly involved in the project, or where creative strategies and activities are used to promote student learning, and finally, where there would be a measurable and substantive outcome. The attached list outlines the funded proposals and purpose,” said CFVI’s president, Dee Baecher-Brown.

Two schools emerged as top winners in the committee’s review. On St. Croix, Educational Complex High School received \$3,000 in grants to three teachers working to enrich the students’ experiences of their culture through music, song and field trips to local historical sites and much needed classroom supplies. On St. Thomas, four teachers at the Bertha C. Boschulte Junior High School received awards totaling \$3,500 to strengthen students’ scores in math skills through additional math tutoring and the use of a math center and enhancing students’ writing skills through connecting Language Arts with Social Studies, Math, PE and Art to teaching students about the weather in the Caribbean and studying the formation of hurricanes as well as teaching kids to start a garden from the sowing of seeds to the reaping of their crops.

President of TOPA Properties, Steve Morton observed that there was a 33% increase in the number of applications received. “It is indeed heartwarming to note the number of teachers that are dedicated to making an extra effort to

improve the reading proficiency of their students. There is also an increased interest in projects that take the students outdoors to learn about growing their own food," Morton said. The annual teacher grant program administered by CFVI is made possible through the generosity of John E. Anderson, Sr. and funded by St. Thomas based, Topa Properties, Ltd.

The Anderson Family Fund for Education was established in 2002 to support a wide array of educational enrichment programs for the students of the Virgin Islands public schools which are unavailable as part of the regular school curriculum. Since then Anderson Family Fund has awarded more than **\$185,000** in teacher grants throughout the Territory.

The Anderson Family Fund for Education is one of more than 90 named funds at CFVI providing scholarships, grants and supporting programs in the USVI. Individuals or businesses wishing to know more about CFVI should call 774-6031, or visit our website at www.cfvi.net.