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**THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
Awards \$20,461 in Teacher Grants from the
ANDERSON FAMILY FUND for EDUCATION**

The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI) awarded \$20,461 in grants from the Anderson Family Fund for Education to 24 public school teachers on St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John for the enrichment of learning in their classrooms, announced CFVI's President, Dee Baecher-Brown. Since 2002 the Anderson Family Fund for Education at CFVI has awarded more than **\$125,000** in teacher grants throughout the Territory.

In addition to the 16 traditional teacher grants awarded this year, which range in amounts from \$300 - \$1,000, 4 newly designed Teacher Impact Grants of \$2,500 each were divided between the districts of St. Croix and St. Thomas/St. John. "While all of our grant proposals were impressive, this year we wanted to restructure our teacher grants to include Teacher Impact grants for 2 projects from each district that would maximize the impact of the project and benefit the student body as a whole," said Brown.

Impact grants were awarded to teachers from Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School and Yvonne E. Bowsky Elementary School on St. Thomas, and to St. Croix's Educational Complex and Lew Muckle Elementary School for broad reaching and innovative projects designed to greatly benefit the entire student body, and to leave a lasting impression on the students and, in some cases, on the campus itself.

"A committee comprised of volunteers from the community carried out the arduous task of evaluating proposals from an impressive pool of applicants. Priority was given to proposals where students are directly involved in the project, creative strategies and activities are used to improve student learning, and outcomes are measurable and substantive. The attached list outlines the funded proposals", said Brown.

"It has been our pleasure to assist public school teachers and students of the Virgin Islands for the past six years through the Anderson Family Teacher Grants," said John Anderson, Sr., Chairman of Topa Equities Ltd. in Los Angeles. "We love hearing about all the wonderful projects that teachers are able to offer their students with the help of these awards." The annual teacher grant awards administered by CFVI are made possible through the generosity of St. Thomas based Topa Properties, Ltd.

The Anderson Family Fund for Education was established in 2002 to improve public education for economically disadvantaged children in the USVI by supporting educational enrichment programs unavailable as part of the regular school curriculum.

Currently there are more than 90 named funds at CFVI providing scholarships, grants and supporting programs in the USVI. CFVI also produces the annual KIDS COUNT report on the status of children and families in the USVI and is celebrating the first year of accomplishments of The Family Connection, another CFVI initiative designed to support teachers, students and parents throughout the Territory. Individuals or businesses wishing to know more about CFVI should call 774-6031, or visit their website at www.cfvi.net.