

## **Recognizing the Impact of Community Foundations**

November 12-18, 2011

November 1, 2011- During the week of November 12-18, The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands will join more than 700 community foundations across America for ***Community Foundation Week***. For more than 20 years, the effort has raised awareness about the increasingly important role of these philanthropic organizations fostering local collaboration and innovation to address persistent civic and economic challenges.

Community Foundations are independent, public entities that steward philanthropic resources from institutional and individual donors to local nonprofits that are the heart of strong, vibrant communities. They represent one of the fastest-growing forms of philanthropy. Every state in the United States is home to at least one community foundation-large and small, urban and rural-that is advancing solutions to a wide range of social issues.