

Media Release

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THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS WILL
DISTRIBUTE MORE THAN 1,800 THESAURUSES TO ALL SEVENTH
GRADERS FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI) will distribute more than 1,800 thesauruses to all seventh grade students on St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John, announced CFVI's President, Dee Baecher-Brown.

The press is invited to the distributions, which will occur on **St. Thomas on Wednesday, February 28th at Addelita Cancryn Junior High School at 10:00 am and on St. Croix on Thursday, March 1st at John H. Woodson Junior High School at 11:30 am.**

This will be the fourth annual distribution of thesauruses to students in the Virgin Islands' public schools. Following this year's donation, a total of more than 7,500 students will have received thesauruses from the Margate Friend of the Children Fund at CFVI. This Fund, established by Margate Management LP in 2002, a permanent fund at the Community Foundation, is a response to Margate's vision and commitment to children's education in the Virgin Islands. The fund is based on the premise that every child deserves unconditional love and a world of opportunities.

The Thesaurus Project of the Margate Fund is committed to the annual donation and distribution of a thesaurus to every seventh grade student in the US Virgin Islands' public school system. "A thesaurus is a valuable tool that can help the seventh grade student expand his or her vocabulary knowledge and gain a better understanding of word relationships as they prepare for high school and beyond," explained CFVI's President, Dee Baecher-Brown.

The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands was established in 1990 to serve the children and families of the Virgin Islands.

Currently there are more than 80 named funds at the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands. Last year, CFVI provided **more than \$1.25 million** in grants, scholarships and program support in the USVI.

If you would like information on how to make a contribution to your community please call CFVI at 774-6031.

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