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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS ANNOUNCES 2007 MINI-GRANT RECIPIENTS

The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI) awarded \$24,639 to 28 projects in the 2007 CFVI Mini-Grants program. These grants, ranging from \$250 to \$1,000, are provided for innovative programs which seek to improve the lives of children and families in St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John, announced CFVI's President, Dee Baecher-Brown.

Now in its 11th year, the Mini-Grant program at CFVI has provided **more than a quarter million dollars in grants to 487 programs** designed by community organizations and individuals. "CFVI believes that the Mini-Grants program is an example of how long-term commitment and small grants can have a big impact in our community," said CFVI's President, Dee Baecher-Brown.

CFVI Mini-Grants support the Foundation's mission to enhance the educational, physical, social, cultural, and environmental well being of children, youth and families in the Virgin Islands. Mini-Grants support a wide range of service organizations and individuals working to provide positive alternatives for children and families and help meet social challenges, including child abuse and neglect, domestic violence, drug abuse and illiteracy.

2007 recipients of mini-grants include: from St. Croix, the ***St. Croix Farmers in Action***, to support their upcoming Liberty Day Festivities; from St. Thomas, ***The Family Resource Center***, to provide first aid training in Infant, Child and Adult CPR/AED for the Center's Shelter staff; and from St. John, the ***Friends of the Elaine Sprauve Library***, to support a summer program where youth will research the history of St. John while improving their writing skills through journal entries and the creation of individual family trees.

Generous donations from CFVI Angel donors and The Prosser ICC Foundation provide funding for this annual program. As a result of the efforts of many caring community members, the youth and families of the Virgin Islands benefit immeasurably.

The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands was established in 1990. The Foundation has more than 85 named funds created by individuals and businesses to support educational, environmental, social and cultural initiatives in the Virgin Islands. CFVI also distributes scholarships to area students and publishes KIDS COUNT, a major study of children's health and well being in the Virgin Islands. In 2006, CFVI celebrated the opening of The Family Connection Center, a long-term initiative providing professional development and early childhood resources to families and educators throughout the territory.

Please find a complete list of the recipients attached. For more information please call CFVI at 774-6031 or visit their website at www.cfvi.net.

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