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NIGEL O. HODGE FOUNDATION FUND AT THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS DONATES WHEELCHAIR

The Nigel O. Hodge Foundation Fund at the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI) donated a \$2,325 multi-functional wheelchair to a young woman with multiple disabilities, announced CFVI's President, Dee Baecher-Brown.

"This special needs stroller will help the 15 year old recipient get around a lot more comfortably and safely," explained the Fund donor, Ms. Josephine Hodge.

Since its establishment in 1996, the Nigel O. Hodge Fund has provided information, support, and financial assistance to children afflicted with cancer and critical illnesses in the Virgin Islands and the Caribbean.

Nigel, a sixth grader had come home from school complaining of a lump under his arm. Two weeks later doctors diagnosed him with Hodgkin's disease. Just 38 days after his first symptoms appeared, Nigel was dead. After his death, it was determined Nigel was given repeated doses of the wrong type of chemotherapy. Determined Nigel's death would not be in vain, the Hodge family created the Nigel O. Hodge Foundation Fund at CFVI using monies from a wrongful death lawsuit.

Donations to the Nigel O. Hodge Fund will provide additional resources to help children with cancer and other critical illnesses in the Virgin Islands and the Caribbean. The funds are used to provide support for medical treatment and transportation for treatment not available in the USVI.

If you would like to make a donation to the Nigel O. Hodge Foundation Fund or for more information about CFVI's 80 named funds please call CFVI at 774-6031.