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**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
awards \$20,328 in Teacher Grants from the
ANDERSON FAMILY FUND for EDUCATION**

The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI) awarded \$20,328 in grants, from the Anderson Family Fund for Education, to 34 public school teachers on St. Thomas and St. Croix 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 **\$100,000** in teacher grants.

"A committee comprised of volunteers from the community carried out the arduous task of evaluating proposals from an impressive pool of eighty-two 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. Thirty-four grants ranging from \$200 to \$1,000 were awarded to St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John applicants. The attached list outlines the funded proposals," explained CFVI's President, Dee Baecher-Brown.

"It has been our pleasure to assist public school teachers and students of the Virgin Islands for the past five 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 are made possible by 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 80 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. The 2006 Kids Count Data Book will be released in mid-December. Contact CFVI for details. Individuals or businesses wishing to know more about CFVI should call 774-6031, or visit their website at www.cfvi.net