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NIGEL O. HODGE FOUNDATION FUND at
THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS (CFVI)
CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

The Nigel O. Hodge Foundation Fund at the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI) is celebrating its 10th Anniversary at a Recognition Luncheon on Sunday, November 12th, 1 pm at Marriott Frenchman's Reef, announced CFVI's President, Dee Baecher-Brown. Tickets for the luncheon cost \$60. The portion in excess of costs will be donated to the Fund to support the needs of children with cancer and other critical illnesses.

"This special anniversary is a celebration of the life of Nigel and is also an opportunity to showcase the talents of our young Virgin Islanders. Community members who were involved in the development of the Nigel O. Hodge Fund will be recognized at the lunch and recipients of assistance will share their stories," explained 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.

Nigel O. Hodge Foundation Fund at CFVI
10th Anniversary Celebration, Nov. 12, 2006

Donations to the Nigel O. Hodge Fund 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.

For tickets or for more information about the luncheon, please call Josephine Hodge at 777-9530. For information about the Nigel O. Hodge Foundation Fund or about CFVI's more than 80 named funds please call CFVI at 774-6031.