

Media Release

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

The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI) distributed 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 thesauruses were distributed on St. Croix on Tuesday, April 11th at Elena Christian School and today at the Bertha C. Boschulte School on St. Thomas at 10:00 a.m.

All the thesauruses are provided through the Margate Friends of the Children Fund at CFVI. The Fund, established by Margate Management LP in 2002, is a permanent fund at the Community Foundation. The Margate Friends of the Children Fund 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 close to 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.

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