

## **Media Release**

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### **COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS ANNOUNCES DONATION OF 136 MATTRESSES**

The cruise ship, Wind Spirit has donated 136 brand new mattresses and has given them to the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI) to store and distribute, announced CFVI's President, Dee Baecher-Brown.

Wind Spirit fitted all its guest cabins with new mattresses, but once they received them they realized they were the wrong size for their rooms. They then decided that they wanted to donate all these new mattresses to community organizations on St. Thomas. CFVI stepped up to organize the storage and distribution of the mattresses.

"We are delighted that these cruise ships that visit our islands have taken an interest in our community and are making such generous donations here in the Virgin Islands. Very recently another cruise ship, Caribbean Princess contacted CFVI with an interest in donating two basketball hoops to a youth group. CFVI made arrangements for this donation to the Boys and Girls Club in St. Thomas and St. Croix," added CFVI's President, Dee Baecher-Brown.

With the generous assistance of the Port Authority, CFVI made arrangements to store the mattresses until they are distributed to community organizations that need them. All charitable organizations that can put the mattresses to good use, should contact CFVI to let them know they are interested. All of the mattresses are 63" by 79."

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In the near future, CFVI will arrange for one or two pick up days and times for organizations to pick up the mattresses, which are being stored at the old Little Switzerland warehouse at Crown Bay. Each organization will be responsible for picking up and transporting the mattresses to their own storage facility.

Please call CFVI at 774-6031 if you work for a charitable organization that could put the mattresses to good use.

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