



## Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands

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### CFVI Earns GuideStar's Highest Seal of Transparency and Coveted 4-Star Rating from Charity Navigator

The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI) has earned the highest level of recognition via two coveted nonprofit sector designations. For the second consecutive year, CFVI received the 2021 Platinum Seal of Transparency by GuideStar, the world's largest source for nonprofit data. And for the third consecutive year, the foundation received a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator. Both honors are a direct result of CFVI's strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.



*"It's important for our donors and grantees trust that we're using their donations wisely to accomplish our mission of enriching the quality of life in the Virgin Islands for present and future generations."*

*-Dee Brown, CFVI President*



In order to achieve GuideStar's Platinum level, CFVI provided extensive organizational metrics, such as in-depth information around financials, goals, strategies, capabilities and results, which gives donors and funders meaningful data to evaluate nonprofit performance.

[To read the full article, click here.](#)

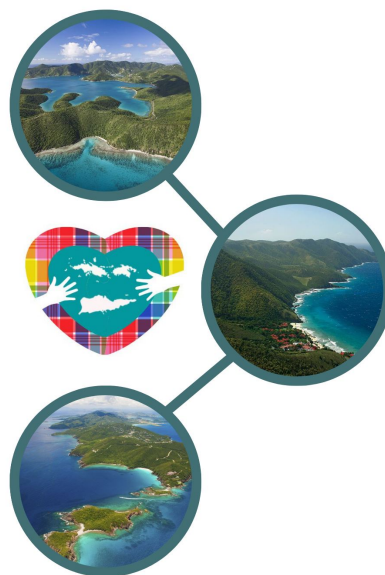
**Building Forward to a Better Tomorrow**

*2022 Angels Giving Campaign*

The CFVI Angels community is the largest philanthropic network in the territory. Since 1999, Angels have provided **\$7.3 million** in unrestricted funding from individual and business donors who contribute \$500 or more annually to the Foundation.

Angel gifts directly contribute to the well-being of our Virgin Islands community. Since the arrival of the pandemic in March 2020, CFVI has provided nearly **\$6.5 million** in grants and services to the territory.

This year's **CFVI Angels** campaign is also an opportunity to celebrate the life of **Frank M. Halley**. Frank was a colleague, a friend and a "forever" Angel. When Frank passed away last December, CFVI received a generous gift from his estate which guaranteed Frank's CFVI Angel support for many years to come. To learn more about the **Mahogany Legacy Society**, view the [brochure](#) and [estate planning flyer](#). If you are interested in including CFVI in your future plans, please do let us know by filling out and returning a [letter of intent](#).



*Help us continue to bring positive change and enrich the quality of life in the Virgin Islands.*

**Become a CFVI Angel Donor Today!**

*Together we can do great things.*

[To learn more about CFVI Angels, click here.](#)

## **CFVI Employee Spotlight: Davica Brathwaite**



CFVI welcomed Davica Brathwaite to the team in September. She was hired as the Grants and Programs Manager, where she is responsible for managing the activity of grants, scholarships, program procedures, and committees.

Davica is a certified Contracting Officer and is currently pursuing a degree in Economics at Colorado State University. Prior to joining CFVI, she worked in the field of Emergency Management, where she focused on building community capacity and strengthening the capabilities of long-term recovery groups throughout the territory.

Davica is passionate about the welfare of her community and intends to build relationships with organizations that also value community. Outside of work, she

enjoys quality time with her dog Egypt and loves watching her favorite TV shows.

Davica can be reached at [davicab@cfvi.net](mailto:davicab@cfvi.net).

## CFVI Unveils Updated Mission, Vision, Values and Focus Areas



### OUR MISSION

To be a catalyst for positive change and enrich the quality of life in the Virgin Islands while preserving our islands' unique cultural heritage by inspiring philanthropy, strengthening nonprofits and engaging the community. We do this by connecting people and resources with community needs.

### OUR VISION

A vibrant, thriving Virgin Islands with opportunity for all fostered by a culture of generous giving.

### OUR VALUES

- **Leadership** – as a territory-wide community foundation providing grants, scholarships, and technical assistance in the Virgin Islands
- **Collaboration** – trusting in the power of partnerships to create a more positive and transformative impact
- **Knowledge** – with a deep understanding of the Virgin Islands culture and the opportunities and challenges
- **Equity and Inclusion** – believing that all voices are vital to the territory's future
- **Integrity** – being honest, open, ethical and reliable in everything we do
- **Accountability** – to our donors, partners and the community
- **Sustainability** – championing actions that support long-term social, environmental and economic solutions



### OUR FOCUS AREAS

- Children, Youth and Families
- Community
- Early Childhood
- Education
- Environment
- Health and Human Services
- Humanities and the Arts
- Disaster Recovery Assistance

## Award to Honor Environmental Leadership in the Insular Caribbean

*Nominations now being accepted for the 2021 Euan McFarlane Award*

**DEADLINE: November 15, 2021**

For over three decades, one Caribbean award has consistently recognized and honored individuals in the insular Caribbean who demonstrate exceptional environmental leadership. Since 1987, 30 individuals from 19 Caribbean islands have been recipients of the **Euan P.**



**McFarlane Environmental**

**Leadership Award**, established to acknowledge individuals who have displayed both *exemplary* and *sustained* leadership on behalf of the environment in the insular Caribbean. Their efforts have been an inspiration for their home islands and served as models for the Caribbean region.

[To learn more and submit a nomination, click here.](#)

## Grantee Highlights

### The VI Children's Museum

CFVI provided a grant to the The Virgin Islands Children's Museum (VICM), in partnership with the Princess Cruises Community Foundation, to create At Home Discovery Kits for 400 youth throughout the territory. Discovery Kit #4 was a Precipitation Science kit that included coloring pages, polymer snow, glue sticks, age appropriate reader books, math snow art geometry activity sheet, math symmetry activity sheet, tissue paper shapes, NISE Net: rain gauge, and a Where I Live activity book from the Division of Fish & Wildlife. By distributing hands-on activities to children throughout our community, VICM facilitates family engagement and hopes to inspire a continued interest in learning by providing fun and interactive ways to do so.



[To learn more about The VI Children's Museum, click here.](#)



### Friends of Virgin Islands National Park

Thanks to Cruzan Rum's Island Spirit Fund (via GlobalGiving), CFVI awarded a grant to Friends of Virgin Islands National Park (FVINP) to extend efforts to propagate rare and native plants on St. John, and remove invasive plants in Virgin Islands National Park, including the establishment of a greenhouse/nursery to help increase propagation. Funds were used to support a

Native Plant Giveaway where community members were paid to propagate native plants and then distributed them to the community for planting, along with providing books on native plants of St. John and on-site experts to talk about the plants and their care. Additionally, Friends built a greenhouse to exponentially increase the

propagation of native plants (and make watering the seedlings easier/cost-effective) and incorporated planting into the activities offered to volunteer service groups staying at the camp, youth trail crew, school and community groups.

[To learn more, click here.](#)

### **Education Connections VI**

CFVI awarded a grant to Education Connections VI, Inc (with Veterans Resource Group Inc. serving as fiscal sponsor) to provide 8 months of on-site tutoring assistance for 24 students in grades 1 through 12 during school hours and virtual assistance and engagement



before and after school hours. Funds were used to provide internet service, staffing, food service, cleaning services, personal protection equipment (PPE), and sanitation supplies.

[To learn more about Education Connections VI, click here.](#)



### **St. Croix Montessori School**

CFVI awarded a grant to St. Croix Montessori School to provide support for a rich and varied summer program for children ages three to 15. The program included crafts, gardening, language, math, field trips, guests presenters/speakers, a drama program and arts and music program.

[To learn more about the St. Croix Montessori School, click here.](#)

### **Caribbean Museum Center for the Arts**

CFVI awarded a grant to Caribbean Museum Center for the Arts, with funding provided by Liberty Foundation to operate a four-week summer camp for 20 young people between the ages of 10-16 that culminated in a closing presentation. The camp was split into two sections: 1) Theater with a focus on social justice and 2) Chekere making and African drumming; highlighting African music as an instrument for personal and social change.



[To learn more about Caribbean Museum Center for the Arts, click here.](#)

*Want more grantee highlights? We post weekly on social media and our website!*



Together  
we give.

SAVE THE DATE  
Nov 30, 2021



GIVING  
TUESDAY

Grassroots generosity and community action are powerful forces for good, especially in turbulent times. GivingTuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Over the past nine years, this idea has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.

We invite you to show your generosity in any number of ways during GivingTuesday—whether it's helping a neighbor, advocating for an issue, sharing a skill, or giving to causes—everyone has something to give and every act of generosity counts.


Please join us in *Building Forward* to a brighter future in the Virgin Islands!

### Share Virtue of the Week with Others!

Do you know someone who would like to receive the Virtue of the Week? Simply forward this email to them and they can sign up by clicking on the button below.


The Virtues Project, a global grassroots initiative to inspire the practice of virtues in everyday life, sparking a global revolution of kindness, justice, and integrity in more than 100 countries.

The Project defines virtues as "the essence of the human spirit and the content of our character." The mission of The Virtues Project is to inspire people of all cultures to remember who we really are, what we aspire to be, and to live by our highest values.



### Contentment

Contentment is an awareness of sufficiency, a sense that we have enough and we are enough. It is appreciating the simple gifts of life – friendship, books, a good laugh, a moment of beauty, a cool drink on a hot day. Being contented, we are free from the pull of greed and longing. We trust that life provides what we need when we need it. Contentment allows us to experience satisfaction with what is. We are fully present in this moment. Being contented does not obstruct our dreams or thwart our purpose. It is a place to stand and view the future with a peaceful heart and gratitude for all that is and all that is to come.

  
The Virtues Project™

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### CFVI is an Amazon Smile Charity

Did you know that CFVI is an Amazon Smile charity?

Shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), select Community Foundation of the Virgin

Islands as your charity, and Amazon donates 0.5% of eligible purchases to CFVI—no fees, no extra cost. Same products, same prices, same service.

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## CFVI a Participating Charity in Combined Federal Campaign



The mission of the CFC is to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient, and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.

CFC is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign, with almost 200 CFC campaigns throughout the country and overseas raising millions of dollars each year. Pledges made by Federal civilian, postal and military donors during the campaign season supports eligible non-profit organizations, like CFVI, that provide health and human service benefits throughout the world.

[To learn more about the CFC, click here.](#)

### CFVI Combined Federal Campaign Information:

CFC Sunshine Zone 22

CFC# 45789

EIN 66-0470703

## For Grantees: Grant Recognition Guidelines

We appreciate an acknowledgement of your grant from CFVI in whatever ways are within your organization's communications capabilities. We encourage you to send us press releases or copies of publications or media coverage that mentions your grant. Please refer to the [CFVI Grant Recognition Guidelines](#) for more information, or contact Sean Liphard, CFVI Communications Manager, at [seanl@cfvi.net](mailto:seanl@cfvi.net).

## New Funds, Fiscal Sponsorships and Grants

### New Funds/Fiscal Sponsorships/Donor Advised Funds

Elliott Mac Davis Fitness Trail Fiscal Sponsorship

Inge Verweij Donor Advised Fund

Netfa Romain Excellence in Media Arts Scholarship Fund

Schneider Regional Medical Center Agency Fund

VI Crawl Fiscal Sponsorship

### New Grants Received



## Spread the Good News!

Help us spread the word about the important work CFVI is supporting throughout our U.S. Virgin Islands. Forward this newsletter to your colleagues, friends and family, and invite them to follow us on social media and join our mailing list!

[Join Our Mailing List](#)



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*We are proud to have earned the Charity Navigator 4-Star Rating for demonstrating strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.*



*We are proud to be a vetted organization by GlobalGiving, which recognizes CFVI as a trusted partner and change-maker in the world.*

## CFVI Staff

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**COUNCIL** *on* **FOUNDATIONS**

## UPDATE! CFVI Office Hours

Due to the ongoing pandemic, CFVI staff continues to work remotely Monday and Thursday and goes into the office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

If you need to reach us, please email [general.info@cfvi.net](mailto:general.info@cfvi.net).



*Connect with us*

