

Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands

Fund Highlight: Cane Bay Cares



Cane Bay Cares (CBCVI) is an initiative that was launched by Cane Bay Partners VI, LLLP in response to the devastation of two Category 5 hurricanes that swept through the Virgin Islands in September of 2017. The management consulting firm was founded on St. Croix back in 2009 and stepped up immediately to provide relief to residents of St. Croix.

Cane Bay Cares partnered with CFVI to establish a fiscal sponsorship to support a variety of recovery initiatives. Thus far, CBCVI has delivered more than **12,000** pounds of food and aid, **18,000** bottles of water, and **4,000** freezer packs to preserve medications. Working closely with community partners, **80** LUCI solar lights, **44** generators, and other supplies were also distributed to priority locations throughout Christiansted and Frederiksted.

For more information about Cane Bay Cares and CFVI's other hurricane related funds and initiatives, visit <http://www.canebaycares.org/>.

Give the 'Gift of Giving' this Holiday Season



This holiday season, consider gifting your loved ones with Angel wings! As we anticipate the launch of our 2018 Angels Campaign, we encourage you to join the largest philanthropic network in the Territory.

ANGELS are caring individuals throughout the USVI and around the globe that give an annual donation of **\$500** or more to the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI). These gifts make it possible for CFVI to administer more than **100** charitable funds and programs that are benefitting children, youth and families throughout the Territory.

CFVI owes our very existence and growth to the support of our ANGELS and Fund donors. Because of this amazing network, CFVI was in a position to serve as one of the first responders just days after Hurricane Irma's arrival in the Territory. Because of the support of our ANGEL network, CFVI can provide leadership and guidance as we build forward!

Each year, the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands honors our ANGELS at a gala reception and we want you and your colleagues, friends and family to be a part of the celebration. Together we are creating a better future for the Virgin Islands!

If you're interested in gifting Angels wings to your loved one or becoming an ANGEL yourself, contact our Development Director, Katrin Braddell, at katrinb@cfvi.net.

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Thanksgiving Grants Bring Hope to Local Organizations After Disaster

In November, **\$675,000** in grant funding was distributed to **27** community-serving entities across the Territory. The funds are awarded from the Fund for the Virgin Islands (FFVI), which was established by CFVI immediately following Hurricane Irma's arrival in the U.S Virgin Islands on September 6th, 2017. The purpose of the Fund is to provide monies for critical needs in the U.S. Virgin Islands, both to support short-term relief efforts and to enhance the well-being of future generations. Grantees were selected to receive **\$25,000** core support grants based on their commitment to serving local communities; significant tangible recovery efforts, knowledge and familiarity with community needs, and/or history of effective partnership/collaboration with the Foundation. Selected grantees are carrying out activities in the areas of elderly care, youth programming, cultural preservation, community enrichment, and supports for vulnerable children.

FFVI Round 2 Grant Recipients:

St. Croix: Boys & Girls Club; Caribbean Community Theater; Christiansted Retail & Restaurant Association; Crucian Heritage and Nature Tourism (CHANT); Project Promise; Queen Louise Home for Children; St. Croix Animal Welfare Center; St. Croix Landmarks Society; St. Croix Rescue; and Virgin Islands Volunteer Advocates for Children, Inc.

St. John: Animal Care Center of St. John; St. Ursula's Senior Center; St. John CommUNITY Long Term Recovery Group; St. John Historical Society; and St. John School of the Arts

St. Thomas: Boys & Girls Club; Downtown Revitalization Inc.; Humane Society of St. Thomas; Nana Baby Children's Home; Pistarckle Theater; Queen Louise Home for the Aged; St. Thomas Historical Trust; and St. Thomas Rescue

Territory-wide: Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands; Pathfinders; United Way of the U.S. Virgin Islands

Along with grants to 10 organizations which were announced in September, the total awarded from the FFVI is now \$925,000.

FFVI Round 1 Grant Recipients:

St Croix: Lutheran Social Services; My Brother's Table; St. Croix Foundation ; Women's Coalition of St. Croix

St. John: St. John Community Foundation; St. John Rescue

St. Thomas: Family Resource Center; My Brother's Workshop, Salvation Army; Virgin Islands Children's Museum

CFVI Rapid Response Block Grant Extended to Assist with Hurricane Relief



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has expanded its long-standing Rapid Response grant program in the modified form of Hurricane Relief Rapid Response Block Grants to three non-profit agencies operating Territory-wide. Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands, Methodist Training and Outreach Center, and VI Partners for Healthy Communities each received a block grant of **\$25,000**.

The purpose of the Hurricane Rapid Response Block Grant Program – funded through the CFVI Friends and Family Fund for USVI Renewal (FNF) – is to enhance the capacity of non-profit partners to meet the needs of individuals in the aftermath of Hurricanes Irma and Maria. Priority will be given to vulnerable populations (e.g., elderly, caregivers responsible for young children or the elderly, individuals with disabilities or medical conditions, etc.) and those with needs that cannot be met by other sources (e.g., FEMA, unemployment assistance, medication supplement programs, etc.) Residents in need of assistance are encouraged to contact the grantee organizations directly. Each of the organizations has locations on both St. Croix and St. Thomas (also serving St. John and Water Island residents).

Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands works toward poverty reduction, supporting families and empowering communities.

Methodist Training & Outreach Center, Inc. provides support services and housing placement for the homeless, Veterans and low-income families.

VI Partners for Healthy Communities provides service integration, outreach, education and increased access to the public health care system to high-risk pregnant women and residents diagnosed with diabetes and/or high blood pressure.

To learn more about the Rapid Response program, visit www.cfvi.net/. For inquiries contact us at **340-774-6031**.

Staff Highlight: Who is CFVI?

Anna W. Scarbriel, Ph.D.

Director of Grants and Programs

USVI KIDS COUNT Director

Hometown: St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands



Education: “I attended All Saints Cathedral School from Jr. Kindergarten through 8th grade, and completed high school at Antilles School. I received my Bachelor’s in Management & Sociology from Georgetown University in 2008 and later went on to earn my doctorate in Counseling Psychology from the University of Miami in 2015. “

Describe your role at CFVI. “ I provide strategic leadership for various aspects of the Foundation’s operations, primarily focused on grants, programs, and various special initiatives. Key elements of my work include applying best practices and research-based principles to our grant-making and program development as well as fostering collaborative relationships with government agencies, nonprofits, and other entities serving children and families. I also serve as Director of KIDS COUNT, which reports data on the well-being of children and families and also provides recommendations and insights on policies and programs to benefit low-income children and families

What is the best part of your job? “Having the opportunity to collaborate with a wide range of individuals and organizations (across the Territory and nationally), and feeling that my efforts are contributing to improving the quality of life for all the people of the VI.”

Random fact about yourself: “I played Division I softball for a year on the inaugural team at Georgetown.”

\$250,000 Challenge Grant Announced to Aid in USVI Recovery



St. Thomas resident Richard H. Driehaus, a long-time USVI supporter, is offering a challenge grant of **\$250,000** to assist with the recovery and renewal of the Virgin Islands after hurricanes Irma and Maria.

Having worked with CFVI on many projects, including the enhancement of Roosevelt Park and the community-based plan for the St. Thomas waterfront and historic district (The Town’s Blueprint), Mr. Driehaus emphasized that every dollar donated will be directed to recovery efforts because CFVI will not charge an administration fee.

“St. Thomas is a unique and beautiful place filled with warm and generous people,” said Mr. Driehaus. “I am grateful to be able to join with my neighbors throughout the Territory to help us recover.”

If matched dollar-for-dollar, the Richard H. Driehaus Recovery and Renewal Fund will provide half-a-million dollars to address barriers to recovery of the people and places that have made the USVI special in the past and will enable its unique qualities to be renewed for the future.

To join in this effort donations may be made by check (mailed to CFVI, PO Box 11790, St. Thomas, VI 00801 / MEMO: Driehaus Challenge) or PayPal online (including a credit card option) at www.cfvi.net. For larger donations, wire transfer instructions are available. Please contact CFVI Development Director, Katrin Braddell, at katrinb@cfvi.net with questions regarding payment.

CFVI Welcomes “iggi” Back to the Virgin Islands

The “iggi Project,” an initiative created by VI Holistic Health Consultant and retired nurse, Joan Bennett-Williams, provides Virgin Island children, parents, and educators with tools to explore and process emotional stresses after traumatic experiences such as a hurricane. The iggi Project, first introduced to the Virgin Islands in 1995 after Hurricane Marilyn impacted the Territory, is now funded through CFVI.

The toolkit includes a coloring book, the iggi storybook, teacher’s manuals, and parent guides. The iggi Project was launched at the Pistarkle Theatre camp shortly after the hurricanes. Since then, the iggi team has engaged children, staff, and parents through puppet shows and expressive dance at various community centers, family events, and schools. If you’re interested in having the iggi project team present at your next event or meeting, or hosting a training session for staff/teachers, contact Anna Scarbriel at ascarbriel@cfvi.net.



Funds and Grants for USVI Hurricane Relief and Recovery

As we continue to rebuild as a community, CFVI says THANK YOU to our partners for providing immediate and long-term relief to the people of the Virgin Islands. Within the first 80 days since Hurricanes Irma and Maria impacted the USVI, **\$12 million** has been raised or pledged for hurricane efforts through our funds and fiscal sponsorships. Over **\$1 million** has already been distributed throughout the community to support direct relief and recovery efforts. Because of your hard work and kind hearts, a wide variety of housing, health, and education initiatives are also benefitting thousands of families across the territory. To learn more and donate to CFVI’s hurricane relief efforts, visit: <http://cfvi.net/donate/hurricanerelief.php>

CFVI Funds

CFVI Friends and Family Fund for USVI Renewal
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Paradise Jam Hurricane Relief
Sea Glass Cares Fund
USVI Strong

Grants to CFVI

Driehaus Challenge Grant

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Light up the VI
Marine Rebuild Fund
VI ASAP Relief Group
VI-R3

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