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USVI Hotel & Tourism Association
St. Thomas/St. John

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of our board, staff and community, I am asking that you consider making a donation to the Virgin Islands Children's Museum (VICM). While we continue to educate our community about the museum and our programming, we need your help to stay open. The VICM's monthly expenses are $22,216+ and we receive no government funding. There is no end to the potential of the VICM and what we can achieve in our community, however, covering rent and payroll are biggest needs.

I joined the VICM team as Executive Director in August 2020, right in the middle of the current pandemic. During this past year, I learned about the benefits of play on social, behavioral and problem-solving skills, especially in children. Programs and exhibits at the VI Children's Museum are based in S.T.R.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) concepts and we aim to bring more cultural aspects into our organization to help young Virgin Islanders explore their passions and give them a foundation of culture to prepare them for a more successful and fulfilling future.

The Virgin Islands Children's Museum is an interactive educational play space where families can come together to explore and discover together! Not only are children's museums educational resources but they also serve as community resources. Before schools were forced to closed, the VICM welcomed elementary classes to the museum with our FREE Field Trip program. When schools were closed, the VICM team created At-Home Discovery Kits to help children in low-income households stay engaged while learning and having fun at home. While public parks and playgrounds were closed, we made an extra effort to open and be available for children to play in a safe and educational environment. To learn more about what the VICM has accomplished this past year, please read our newsletters! https://contac.cc./38NFOuV. You may also visit our website to read about our Museums for All and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library programs, www.vichildrensmuseum.org.

To continue providing our amazing programs and interactive exhibits, we need the support of the community and people like you. Thank you for your consideration in support of the children of the Virgin Islands.

Sincerely,

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