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King of the Wing Presents $105,281.40 to the V.I. Children's Museum!



(Left to right) Chantel Hoheb, Vernon Araujo, Andrew Park, Catherine Bryan, Amber McCammon

ST. THOMAS, VI, DECEMBER 6, 2022 - The check presentation ceremony for the 11th annual King of the Wing contest took place on December 6th, 2022 at the V.I. Children's Museum (V.I.C.M.) on St. Thomas at 10:30 AM. Alpine Securities USVI, LLC and White Bay Group, organizers of the competition, revealed the donation amount from this year's event which took place on June 11th, and presented a check in the amount of $105,281.40 to Executive Director Chantel Hoheb and her V.I.C.M. staff.

The King of the Wing contest is an annual chicken wing cook-off at Magens Bay Beach.
Special guests – Grammy Award winning rapper, actor and record producer, **Method Man** from the 'Wu-Tang Clan,' personally crowned the winners and performed live for the crowd! Joining our judges panel this year were Michelin-Star winning owner and operator of Cote Korean

Steakhouse **Simon Kim** and the 2022 NCAA Women's Basketball Most Outstanding Player (and Virgin Islands native) **Aliyah Boston**! Teams consisting of top local restaurants, businesses, organizations and chicken wing enthusiasts prepared an impressive variety of delicious wings to raise money for a great cause!

This year's winner, in the Restaurant Division, was Barefoot Buddha, a healthy, holistic eatery in St. Thomas. "Hard work prevails," said head chef, Cory Baker. "[We] had so much fun being a part of a great fundraiser for our kids in our community," she continued. She and her team represented the Virgin Islands in the National Buffalo Wing Festival during Labor Day Weekend (September 3-4, 2022) at Highland Park, NY and won 2nd place for "Media Best in Show."

In addition to being the island's most anticipated, family-friendly culinary and community event, King of the Wing serves as a crucial fundraising platform for local charities. All proceeds from this year's event were donated to the **Virgin Islands Children's Museum (VICM)**, a 501(c)3 organization. VICM provides the Virgin Islands community with unique and meaningful experiences through fun, high-quality exhibits and programs. Located on St. Thomas, the museum's mission is to bring children and families together in an interactive, educational space where dynamic play inspires a passion for learning.

"The VICM was chosen as this past year's beneficiary for its critical work in providing enriching, educational experiences that are accessible to all youth in the territory regardless of socioeconomic background", said Andrew Park, VICM Board Member and Partner at Alpine. "The museum offers free programs targeted to all school students 12 years of age and younger."

King of the Wing has supported various charities throughout the years including Nana Baby Home, Junior Achievement of the Virgin Islands and this year the VI Children's Museum. "We at Alpine have always been committed to helping the youth of the territory to thrive and excel by supporting charitable programs and institutions that can have transformative effects on their young lives." said Charles Kim, Managing Partner of Alpine.

Starting in 2010, King of the Wing has now raised over $550,000 for local non-profits over the years. KOW 2022 set records with over 8,000 people in attendance, 44 participating teams, and $105,281.40 raised for the VI Children's Museum! Should you have any questions, please call Vernon Araujo at 340-714-2020, email kingofthewingvi@gmail.com or visit www.kowvi.com. You can also follow us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter. To find out more about the VI Children's Museum, visit their website at https://www.vichildrensmuseum.org/.

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Congratulations to the
2022 KING OF THE WING WINNERS!

Overall Winner (King of the Wing):
Barefoot Buddha

Restaurant Division:
1st Place- Barefoot Buddha
2nd Place- Lake's Chicken Fry
3rd Place- Dog House Pub

Non-restaurant Division:
1st Place- Bacchanal BBQ / On the Go Physio
2nd Place- Vacation VI
3rd Place- Frenchie Frenzy

Best Decorated Booth:

Tropical Treasure Hunt

Special Seasoned Participant award to **Caribbean Saloon** for being the only team to participate all 11 years!

Thanks to all our judges and especially our celebrity judges Aliyah Boston and Simon Kim!

Special thanks to:

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(Left to right) Patty Chagas, Elli Ausubel, Bianca Harris, Tripp Kamercia, Chachi McAllister, Kathy McAllister, Mark Stiehler, Chantel Hoheb, Vernon Araujo, Amber McCammon, Andrew Park, Alani Todman, Cory Baker, Jim Hines, Catherine Bryan

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