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Alpine Securities USVI Provides $7,500 Corporate Match for Harvest Festival & Pumpkin Patch Crowdfunding Campaign

September 13, 2022 – The Inaugural Harvest Festival & Pumpkin Patch at Magens Bay received a boost to its online crowdfunding fundraising campaign today thanks to **Alpine Securities USVI.** Alpine Securities USVI will match community donations on the first $7,500 raised on https://chuffed.org/project/harvestfestival4vijustice

The inaugural **Harvest Festival & Pumpkin Patch** will take place at Magens Bay on October 15, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This event benefits the Virgin Islands Justice Initiative's Fiscal Sponsorship at the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands. More information about the Virgin Islands Justice Initiative is available at vijustice.org.

The Harvest Festival & Pumpkin Patch will weave traditional agricultural elements and new fall activities that are perfect for families with children. This event will take place in the space between Shed 4 and the Arboretum, from the parking lot to the campground. It will include adult and youth vendors selling harvest themed snacks and treats, a farmers market, a small stage with youth performers, and a Kids Zone with a pumpkin patch, tractor hayride, face painting, pumpkin painting, and other games and fun activities for small children.

There will be several competitions, including the best dish, dessert or beverage made with local pumpkin, a pumpkin painting competition, raffle, and prizes for the kids. The first 100 people will receive a goodie bag with a free ticket on the tractor hayride to ensure that cost is not an obstacle and that all Virgin Islanders can participate in the

festivities.

The **Virgin Islands Justice Initiative** is a nonprofit organization, which provides free legal representation focused on economic and restorative justice.

"Alpine Securities endeavors to invest in organizations and initiatives that match our philanthropic values, and have the most meaningful, positive, and sustainable impact on the Virgin Islands community. We are excited to support the Virgin Islands Justice Initiative and the young people they provide services for," said Vernon Araujo, Director of Philanthropy & Community Relations at Alpine Securities USVI.

“Our first initiative is a modest, but important, one. We are partnering with My Brother’s Workshop to provide expungement services to some of the young people in their program who need a clean record for employment purposes,” said Alex Golubitsky, Chairman of the Virgin Islands Justice Initiative Board of Directors.

“This festival is an example of our organization’s commitment to provide a benefit to the community that we serve in all aspects of the work that we do. Instead of hosting a gala, our organization is putting on a free community event, which will also serve as a benefit. This event is intended to engage our community with fun, safe, kid-friendly activities that bring the entire family together. Funds will be raised primarily through event sponsors – allowing event goers access to the event at no cost aside from the entrance fee for Magens Bay,” said Casey Payton, Executive Director of the Virgin Islands Justice Initiative.