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'Mystery in the Wild' Event Raises \$66,000 for My Brother's Workshop

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ST. THOMAS — Over 200 members of the community attended My Brother's Workshop's (MBW) Mystery in the Wild West Event on Saturday, February 8th at VI Montessori School. VIMSIA's Solar Awning was transformed into “The Deadwood Saloon” set in 1874. The event resulted in \$66,000 being raised for the program, which is aimed at helping at-risk and high-risk youth in the territory.

Food was provided by MBW Cafe and Bakery at the direction of Cafe Manager Chef Julius Jackson. In addition to the Whodunit Mystery Game, there were carnival style games, poker, black jack and live entertainment — making for a spectacular evening, according to a release MBW issued. Magician Lisa Menna of CauseToWonder.org amused the crowd with her magic tricks. Prizes were awarded to Best Male and Female Actors, Best Supporting Male and Female

actors, Best Dressed, of course, Best Sleuth.

“MBW is such an asset to our community and this event was a fun and different opportunity to support this amazing organization,” said valued community member, Mark Grimes.

Raffle prizes (donated from local businesses) from the night included items from MBW, Chicken ‘n Bowling, Tap and Still, The Poised Palm Yoga and Thai Massage, Virgin Islands Coffee Roasters, VI Swag, Artist Jenny Hawkes, CrewZen VI and Sonic Charters.

“We were overwhelmed by the support of our amazing community who continues to help us change the lives of young people in the territory through the program of MBW. Thank you to all who helped and attended. We look forward to planning next year’s event,” said MBW Executive Director, Jenny Hawkes. The theme for next year’s Mystery Event has been set to Roman Times and is already highly anticipated.

The event was made possible through the sponsorships and support of International Private Bank, ICMC, HMRT, Heavy Materials, Cruzan Rum, Jim Beam, Makers Mark, The Buzz Radio, Nicolas Feuillate, Columbia Crest, Caribbean Risk Group, Kellerhals Ferguson Kroblin PLLC, WalaIce, Island Wiring, ProSolar, St. Thomas Reformed Church, Concessions International, Mark Iandolo Photography, Take it Easy Charters, Tropical Treasure Hunt Co., Pic-A-Pose and Quantum Sails.

My Brother's Workshop is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing hope, faith and healing to at-risk and high-risk youth in the U.S. Virgin Islands, ages 16-24. Their holistic approach has helped over 1200 young people choose a better path, further their education, and ultimately change their lives.