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Nana Baby Children's Home Secures Permanent Facility With Government Backing

Governor Bryan said the move allows staff to focus on children instead of rent. Executive Director Darian Torris-Hairston thanked government and community partners, pledging to fill the new space with “love and laughter and light.”

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Executive Director of Nana Baby Children's Home Darian Torris-Hairston. By. GOV'T HOUSE.

The Nana Baby children's care facility now has a new place to call home. On Monday, Governor Albert Bryan Jr. announced that the Government of the Virgin Islands had purchased a building for the home to operate out of.

“We have taken this step to lift some of that weight from their shoulders,” Governor Bryan said, “so they can focus more fully on the children and less on the cost of the walls around them.”

He argued that "to support the Nana Baby Homes is to invest in the souls of this community." The goal is for the vulnerable children that are cared for in the facility to “grow into teachers, nurses, artists and perhaps governors who will share these islands long after we are gone,” Governor Bryan noted.

Executive Director of Nana Baby Children's Home Darian Torris-Hairston was filled with gratitude, thanking Governor Bryan, former Senator Donna Frett-Gregory and the entire Legislature, and John Foster and the Foster family for their assistance in seeing this project to fruition. “We plan to utilize this new facility to the best of our abilities, and fill it with love and laughter and light,” Ms. Hairston said.

Governor Bryan added his own words of praise, thanking employees of the Department of Property and Procurement for “pushing this through.” He noted that the care home, which provides services to “infants and toddlers who find themselves in moments of crisis,” gives Virgin Islands children “shelter, safety, and the tender assurances that they are not forgotten” in their most vulnerable moments.