

The Virgin Islands Consortium

Alpine Securities Matches \$50,000 Donation to My Brother's Workshop; Nonprofit Provides Over 8,000 Meals to People Impacted by Coronavirus Pandemic

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Alpine Securities USVI pledged to match all donations of up to \$50,000 made to My Brother's Workshop's Spread Hope fundraising campaign, and by April 13 MBW supporters answered the call of that match by raising \$50,000.

That's according to MBW, which said the result was \$100,000 raised to provide meals and essential items to the vulnerable population of the VI, while keeping MBW trainees enrolled and engaged in their program of mentorship, education, mental health counseling, on-the-job training and job placement.

Alpine Securities USVI, an equity trading firm, said its goal is to support Virgin Islands nonprofit organizations that improve the health, well-being, and economic vitality of communities. The firm's philanthropic goals include supporting Virgin Islands non-profit organizations that improve.

"Partnering with My Brother's Workshop on their COVID-19 relief efforts was a no-brainer," said Alpine Director of External Affairs, Annalise Setorie. "An integral part of the Virgin Islands community, MBW has provided, and continues to provide, support to those that need it the most. We are proud to collaborate with them so that they can continue their efforts to serve the people of the Virgin Islands."

My Brother's Workshop said it has partnered with local government agencies, businesses and other nonprofits during the coronavirus pandemic to provide meals and essential supplies to seniors, homeless, displaced school children, those with compromised immune systems and families with medical or special needs in the USVI. MBW said its long-standing partnerships in the community and their actions after Irma and Maria have placed it in a position to stand in the gap for the vulnerable groups while avoiding duplicating response efforts.

Since launching their "Meals on Wheels" initiative on Monday, March 23, MBW Cafe and Bakery has prepared and distributed over 8,000 meals to those in need on St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix. Their workshops on St. Thomas and St. Croix along with volunteers in the community are distributing on a needs basis in order to help the territory's most vulnerable population. The health and wellbeing of these individuals remains MBW's primary objective, the nonprofit said. MBW said it continue to raise funds and seek partnerships to provide for those in need as the Covid-19 pandemic continues to affect community members.

MBW's partners on this initiative include: World Central Kitchen, Alpine Securities USVI, Office of the Governor of the Virgin Islands, USVI Department of Human Services, the Office of Senator James, the Office of Senator Myron Jackson, The Salvation Army, Catholic Charities VI, Frederiksted Health Clinic, Lutheran Social Services of the VI, Cancer Support VI, Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands, St. Thomas Reformed Church, XO Energy, HMRT, Columba Capital, Ama at Cane Bay, St. Thomas Restaurant Group, 1First Bank VI, Merchants Market Group, Chicken 'n Bowling, Tap and Still, McDonald's USVI, Plaza Extra Tutu, Moe's Fresh Market, Plaza West, Caribbean Packaging, 1FirstBank VI, Cruzan Rum, Rotary Club of St. Thomas Sunrise, Rotary Club of St. Thomas East, Nazareth by the Sea Episcopal Church, Heavy Materials, CC1 VI, Prime at Paradise Point, Cafe Amici, Custom Builders, PR Deli Provisions, Sugar Brown Farms, KLR Restaurant Supply, Virgin Islands Craft Distillers, Cost U Less, Fresh Greens VI, Petrus Gas, Old Stone Farmhouse, Bella Blue, Hideaway Farms, The Fabric Store, Giant Gas, Bellows International and The Hebrew Congregation of St. Thomas.

If you or someone you know is in need of receiving meals, fill out this [form](#), or call My Brother's Workshop at 340.715.2769.

If you or your business are interested in partnering with MBW on this initiative, contact Chrystie at communications@mybrothersworkshop.org. I

If your restaurant is able to donate items to MBW for meal distribution, fill out [this form](#).

If you are interested in volunteering in material sourcing, case management/client monitoring or distribution, fill out [this form](#).

If you are able to make a monetary donation you may do so by check at any of the MBW locations, or online [here](#).

All donations made at this time will go toward MBW's Spread Hope initiative and will provide the vulnerable community members meals and essential items, all while continuing to keep MBW youth engaged in the MBW program, said the nonprofit.