

The Virgin Islands Consortium

Anderson Family Donates \$22,000 To Local Teachers

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The Anderson Family, through its fund at Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI), has donated \$22,000 in grants to teachers throughout the territory as part of the family's annual Anderson Teacher Grants disbursement.

Recipients of this year's awards include 14 teachers and professionals working at 11 schools in both the St. Croix and St. Thomas-St. John school districts. Grants range from \$500 to \$5,000, all with the intent to enhance the learning experience at the schools.

"My father believed in the values of hard work and education. He was valedictorian of his high school class in Minnesota before accepting a scholarship to UCLA in 1936," said John E. Anderson, Jr., chairman of the TOPA group of companies, which include Topa

Properties, Ltd., Topa Insurance, Dorchester Insurance, Bellows International and West Indies Corporation. "He later earned an MBA from Harvard, a law degree from Loyola and passed his CPA exam while serving in World War II. Along with his many business pursuits, he was also a teacher. Given this background, it gives our family great pleasure to help public school educators with the annual teacher grants."

The many schools that applied for grants sought funding in a variety of areas, including technology, journalism, agriculture and Virgin Islands culture.

"Once again, we received an impressive number of applications for the Anderson Teacher Grants and the selection process was difficult," said Dee Baecher-Brown, CFVI's president. "The committee tried to select those requests that had the most creative strategies to promote student learning and would have the greatest impact on the students."

A list of the selected schools and their projects can be seen below:

School	Title of Project
Juanita F. Gardine Elementary	Bookopoly- An Interactive Project to Encourage Students' Reading
Charles H. Emanuel	CHEES Young Journalist
Charlotte Amalie High School	Chemistry Laboratory Computers
Lockhart Elementary School	Science Club
Arthur A. Richards Junior High School	Continuing the Tradition: Stepping Out & Exploring St. Croix through Art Field Trips
Ulla F. Muller Elementary	My Plate: The New Food Guide Musical
Alexander Henderson School	Museum Fun
Herbert Lockhart Elementary	Primary Science Explorers
Charles H. Emanuel	Read Around the World in 8 Months
Ricardo Richards Elementary School	RRES Edible School Yard/ Slow Food Project
Ulla F. Muller Elementary	Serious Minds- A Mentorship Program for Boys
Ivanna Eudora Kean High School	The Benefits of a Literary Magazine
St. Croix Central HighSchool	The Carib Tribune Newspaper
Ivanna Eudora Kean High School	IEKHS Algebra Lab

The Anderson Family Fund was established at CFVI in 2002 to support a wide range of educational enrichment programs for Virgin Islands' public school students that are unavailable as part of the regular school curriculum.

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