

The Virgin Islands Consortium

Anderson Family Fund At CFVI Donates \$23,500 To Local Teachers

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ST. CROIX -- For the 14th consecutive year, the Anderson Family Fund at the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI), has awarded grants to teachers in the public schools throughout the Virgin Islands, a press release CFVI issued on Tuesday has revealed.

Since 2002, the Anderson family has awarded close to \$300,000 to public school teachers. Locally, the Anderson family owns TOPA Properties, LLC., TOPA Insurance, Dorchester Insurance, Bellows International and West Indies Corporation. John E. Anderson, Jr., Chairman of Los Angeles-based parent company, TOPA Equities, Ltd., noted that his father attributed his success to the education he was fortunate to receive.

"My father's success was a largely a result of his commitment to hard work and education. Never underestimate the value of a great education," Mr. Anderson explained.

Recipients of this year's grants included 18 teachers and professionals working with 15 schools throughout the territory. The grants range from \$300 to \$5,000 each, and are intended to enhance learning opportunities for students. A total of \$23,500 was awarded this year.

Several schools asked for help in purchasing technology needs. Other requests included assistance with school publications, including a literary magazine and school newspaper; gardening materials to start school gardens; and funds to enable students to continue exploring cultural and environmental adventures throughout the territory.

"At the Community Foundation we celebrate the on-going commitment of the Anderson Family and TOPA Properties which provides support to the students in our public schools. And we celebrate the teachers who go "above and beyond" to provide creative strategies to promote student learning. This year we also celebrate the added impact of the Anderson Family by inspiring other donors to establish grants to provide assistance to teachers!" said CFVI's president, Dee Baecher-Brown.