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Mapp Celebrates With Herbitt Gregg Home For The Aged Residents At Christmas Party

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ST. CROIX -- Governor Kenneth Mapp gave opening remarks and enjoyed festivities at the Herbert Grigg Home for the Aged Christmas Party, Government House has made known. The Mistress of Ceremony, Maria Colon-Clarke, introduced dignitaries and conducted the award ceremony before Pastor Samuel Carrion gave the blessing for the luncheon.

The ceremony was punctuated by a visit from the Three Kings in spectacular costumes and little singers from the Head Start Program. The youngsters that were between the ages of three to five years old sang Christmas carols with the crowd.

Presentations, including gifts and supplies for care of the seniors, were offered by the St. Croix Lion's Club and Ms. Jewel Brathwaite of the Class of 1970. Musical selections were played by Stanley and the Ten Sleepless Knights and Nikki Brooks as well as live DJ music on the patio.

Mr. Mapp spoke to the crowd of seniors noting their "value to our community." The governor also indicated in his comments that he has approved the purchase of buses which would be outfitted with the proper height steps for easy access and doors on the left side to provide for safe boarding.

"It is always a pleasure to spend time with this most precious group in the territory, our seniors," the territory's leader said. He went on to joke with the seniors about the afternoon of dancing and eating to be had by all. Ms. Rupertine Gardier, the oldest resident at the home, is 106 years of age and she laughed with the governor as she was presented flowers, according to Government House.

Mr. Mapp went on to thank the dedicated staff and volunteers that put so much effort into contributing to the care and well-being of the senior community.