

The Virgin Islands Consortium

Virgin Islands Children's Museum And Partners Distribute Trauma-Relief Bags To Children USVI

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Partners working with the Virgin Islands Children's Museum have begun distributing trauma-relief bags to children in the territory, the museum announced Monday.

On St. Thomas, Dr. Nicolette Howells of Insight Psychological Services began distributing bags on Saturday, November 18 from the VI Medical Foundation Building. Nana Baby Home, Family Resource Center, and Kidscope also have received bags for distribution. And Insight Psychological Services distributed bags on St. John.

On St. Croix, Dr. Lindsay Yarger-Wagner from Island Therapy Solutions has begun distributing bags to groups such as Project Promise, Good Hope Country Day School

and the Americans with Disabilities, St. Croix, according to the release.

Trauma from hurricanes can cause a variety of emotional reactions in children. Play can help children process trauma, build resiliency, and resume the process of normal development, the museum said.

The VICM Trauma-Relief Bags include bubbles, playdough, crayons, a pen, journal, flashlight, fidget spinner, snack bar, small stuffed animal, activity book titled "Too Much Weather", and a packet for parents with tips and suggestions.

Funds for the Trauma Relief Bags were raised by direct contribution from members of the public, and shipping to the territory was sponsored by Trans-Expedite.

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