

The Virgin Islands Consortium

Salvation Army Receives \$65,000 Donation From AT&T To Fund After-School Programs

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ST. THOMAS -- The Salvation Army in St. Thomas recently received a \$65,000 donation from AT&T PR/USVI to fund a number of St. Thomas after-school programs that target underprivileged children and at risk youth, a release AT&T issued recently has made known.

The after-school programs will teach children how to read music and play a musical instrument, assist children with homework as well as learning a sport and participating in sporting activities, according to the release. In addition, one hot or cold meal and snack will be provided during the program.

The release said AT&T PR/USVI has a long history of investing in the Virgin Islands territory through a number of community organizations and projects that create and advance educational opportunities for underprivileged children and at risk youth.

During the check presentation, the Salvation Army expressed its appreciation to AT&T PR/USVI for this generous donation. "We are beyond thrilled to connect with AT&T PR/USVI on this wonderful initiative," said Major Steven Pearl of the Salvation Army in St. Thomas. "These worthwhile after-school programs will target underprivileged children as well as at risk youth that otherwise may not have had an opportunity to learn to play an instrument or even play sports. We applaud AT&T PR/USVI for recognizing our need and stepping up to assist our community."

Established in 1917, The Salvation Army St. Thomas Corps provides social services to families in need. Among the programs offered are community meal programs, emergency disaster services, after-school programs and thrift stores. Holiday programs include holiday meals, food baskets, and toy donations. Last year, The Salvation Army on St. Thomas served more than 45,000 individuals in the community, according to the release.

Feature Image: Jose Moran and Ray Flores with AT&T, and Heimes Pearl, MaryAnn Brown and Steven Pearl with the Salvation Army.