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Lucinda Millin Residents Get CARE Packages With Red Cross Radios Courtesy V.I. Housing Authority

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Noreen Michael, Board Chairwoman of the Virgin Islands Housing Authority, helps Lucinda Millin Home resident Emmanuel Liburd unpack a CARES package of COVID-fighting giveaways whose star attraction is a Red Cross emergency radio. By. V.I. HOUSING AUTHORITY

ST. THOMAS — The coronavirus pandemic has worn down the territory's lowest income residents, especially seniors. To lift their spirits and help them stay sanitized against COVID-19, the Virgin Islands Housing Authority on Friday distributed CARES packages to the 65 senior residents of the Lucinda Millin Home on St. Thomas, to include cases of water, face masks, Clorox, puzzles and games, and the star attraction: Red Cross

emergency radios.

The event was the first in a round of distributions that V.I.H.A. will make in the coming weeks to over 2,600 families in its public housing communities on St. Thomas and St. Croix, the authority said. The aid is made possible thanks to a CARES Act grant from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development to help communities combat the virus and alleviate economic hardship, V.I.H.A. said.

Senator Marvin Blyden and V.I.H.A. Board Chair Noreen Michael joined V.I.H.A. staff distributing the gift sacks. They also showed residents how to use their radios, according to the release. Images and captions below provided by V.I.H.A.



Bernice Joseph gets a case of water and other giveaways delivered to her room at the Lucinda Millin Home on St. Thomas courtesy of the Virgin Islands Housing Authority, which is distributing CARES packages in the coming weeks to over 2,600 families at public housing communities on St. Thomas and St. Croix. Funds for the packages come from a HUD coronavirus relief grant to help communities combat the virus and alleviate economic hardship. "For someone living on a disability check, these items are a big

help,” Joseph said of the face masks, Clorox and other items distributed by VIHA.



Eduardo Carmona, a community outreach specialist for Senator Marvin Blyden, helps senior residents at St. Thomas' Lucinda Millin Home unpack Red Cross emergency radios on Friday; part of a distribution campaign of CARES packages by the Virgin Islands Housing Authority that will be rolling out in the coming weeks to over 2,600 families at public housing communities on St. Thomas and St. Croix.



The lobby of Lucinda Millin Home on St. Croix fills with music on Friday as Senator Marvin Blyden shows resident Iona Wattley how to tune her new Red Cross radio to her favorite station. The radios were part of a CARES package of goodies provided by the Virgin Islands Housing Authority as part of a distribution campaign it is rolling out in the coming weeks that will reach over 2,600 public housing residents on St. Thomas and St. Croix.



Manuelita Richardson gets a case of water, Clorox and other giveaways delivered to her room at the Lucinda Millin Home on St. Thomas courtesy of the Virgin Islands Housing Authority, which is distributing CARES packages in the coming weeks to over 2,600 families at public housing communities on St. Thomas and St. Croix. Funds for the packages come from a HUD coronavirus relief grant to help communities combat the virus and alleviate economic hardship.



Noreen Michael, Board Chairwoman of the Virgin Islands Housing Authority, helps Lucinda Millin Home resident Emmanuel Liburd unpack a CARES package of COVID-fighting giveaways whose star attraction is a Red Cross emergency radio. VIHA will be distributing the CARE packages to over 2,600 families at public housing communities on St. Thomas and St. Croix in the coming weeks.



Lucinda Millin Home resident Sinclair Claxton listens to health advice from Noreen Michael, the Board Chairwoman of the Virgin Islands Housing Authority, during a visit on Friday to help distribute CARES packages to the community's 65 senior residents. VIHA will be distributing the packages – whose star attraction is a Red Cross radio -- to over 2,600 public housing communities across the Territory thanks to a HUD coronavirus relief grant.



Reginald Andrew, a Virgin Islands Housing Authority employee, unloads cases of water on Friday for distribution to the 65 senior residents of the Lucinda Millin Home on St. Thomas. Along with face masks, sanitizers and – the most popular item -- Red Cross emergency radios, the water is part of a CARES package that VIHA will be distributing to over 2,600 public housing residents across the Territory thanks to a HUD coronavirus relief grant.