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Dept. of Tourism Shows Gratitude to Frontline Healthcare Workers: Submit Candidates Making a Difference, Winners Rewarded With Trip to Territory

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The Department of Tourism said Thursday it is recognizing and rewarding health care workers in the territory and on the U.S. mainland for their commitment and dedication to protecting lives throughout Covid-19 pandemic.

The promotion, called “Let’s Give Thanks!”, recognizes and rewards local and stateside health care workers who are making a difference in the battle against COVID-19, D.O.T. said.

“The Department of Tourism recognizes that for many, 2020 has been one of the most challenging years in recent memory,” said Joseph Boschulte, the department's commissioner. He added that the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted lives on nearly every level, with dedicated health care

workers bearing a tremendous responsibility to care for not only their patients, but also for themselves, their families and, in some cases, entire communities.

“Let’s Give Thanks!” invites members of the public to nominate a health care provider to win a trip to the U.S. Virgin Islands. A panel of USVI-based tourism and/or health care representatives will review the entries and select the best submissions. Nominations are to be submitted in the form of short videos.

Over the next six months, the Department of Tourism will reward up to six health care workers (and up to four members of each winner's household) with a three-night trip to the territory. The prize includes hotel accommodations, an airline credit of \$500 per traveler, and airport transfers in the USVI. Health care workers based in the Territory who are selected as winners will receive a three-night “staycation” at a hotel or resort in the USVI, along with a local excursion and a dinner for themselves and up to four members of their household.

“We are deeply grateful to these courageous persons who go above and beyond the call of their profession and demonstrate the true meaning of compassion and dedication,” Mr. Boschulte said, encouraging the public to join the Department in expressing gratitude to these frontline heroes by participating in the campaign. “So start filming, and be creative. Let’s always remember to give thanks to the health care workers who support and give us hope each day.”

Video submissions can be uploaded at usviupdate.com/givethanks.

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