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Marshall and Sterling, Theodore Tunic and Co., and Baker Magras and Associates Donate \$10,000 to Lutheran Social Services of VI

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From L2r: Keziah Sullivan, Junia John-Straker, Monica Robinson. (Second row left to right) Marissa Small, Yamiris Martinez, and Lionel Downer. By. LUTHERAN SERVICES OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Three local companies recently presented a \$10,000 donation to Lutheran Social Services of the V.I. as a relief to the nonprofit during the Covid-19 pandemic, announced LSSVI Tuesday.

According to the release, John Harper, president and branch manager of Marshall & Sterling St. Croix, Marissa Small, loss control specialist at Theodore Tunic & Co, and Lionel Downer from Baker Magras & Associates, Monica Robinson, senior client service representative and Yamiris Martinez presented a \$10,000 donation to LSSVI.

The donation came from a fund out of the Marshall & Sterling Corporate Office, Theodore Tunic & Co and Baker Magras & Associates, and will help cover some of LSSVI's Covid-19 expenses across its 11 program sites. The donation was part of companies' commitment to the community, and both Marshall & Sterling and Theodore Tunic & Co have supported LSSVI programs in different ways over the years, the release stated. Recently, Theodore Tunic donated \$25,000 towards a new community center for low-income seniors at Ebenezer Gardens, LSSVI's independent living complex in St. Thomas. Marshall & Sterling has been a major sponsor of the Queen Louise Home for Children Golf Tournament for over 35 years, according to the release.

Speaking at the presentation, LSSVI Chief Executive Officer, Junia John-Straker, expressed gratitude for the donation and the outreach, especially during these tough times. "With so many of the seniors and vulnerable residents at our facilities in the high-risk category, it has been critical to ensure we have adequate staff and enough health and safety supplies to keep everyone safe," she said.

Lutheran Social Services staff expressed gratitude for the support of these corporate citizens. "We extend our thanks to them for coming alongside to assist the most vulnerable in our community," LSSVI stated.