

The Virgin Islands Consortium

DHS Hosting 'Walk Me Home' Motorcade for Foster Care Awareness and Support

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The V.I. Department of Human Services is inviting the community to participate in the first ever motorcade to raise awareness and support for Foster Care on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. in both St. Thomas and St. Croix.

According to a release issued Tuesday, all are asked to show support by wearing and decorating their vehicles in light blue, join the Walk-Me-Home motorcades and drive in solidarity with the Division of Children and Family Services to raise awareness and provide support for at-risk children and youth and the Foster Families that support them.

The territory observed Foster Care Awareness Month in May, and DHS is urging the community to come out, "as we celebrate Father's Day and learn more about a variety of ways to fill in the gap and support the needs of the at-risk children and youth served through DHS' Division of Children & Families Protective, Foster Care, and Adoptions programs every year."

According to the release, churches, businesses and individuals are urged to sponsor the Walk-Me-Home Motorcade, help fund the Resource Closet and show our kids in protective and Foster Care that the community stands in support of them.

Funds raised will go to securing resources that include personal care items, toiletries, school supplies, clothing, car seats, duffel bags, and other essential and critical supplies for at-risk children and youth-in-transition during a difficult time.

The Walk-Me-Home Motorcade also aims to recruit individuals and families curious about and interested in Foster Care while educating the broader community about DCFS programs like volunteering, mentoring, internships, advocacy, sponsorships, etc., according to the release.

Motorcade Routes & Times:

- St. Thomas, 4 PM: Start - Emile Griffith Ballpark Parking Lot – End - Tutu Park Mall Parking Lot
- St. Croix, 4 PM: Start - DHS Office of the Commissioner in Golden Rock Parking Lot – End - Buddhoe Park