

The Virgin Islands Consortium

St. Croix Hotel and Tourism Association Raises Funds for Education and Charitable Organizations

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ST. CROIX — At its Annual Holiday Hope benefit, the St. Croix Hotel & Tourism Association raised funds to support the Richard Patrick Henry Hospitality Scholarship, CASA of the Virgin Islands and Caribbean Centers for Boys & Girls of the Virgin Islands, STXHTA made known Saturday via release. STXHTA also invited marines from the Puerto Rico branch of the Marines Toys for Tots Foundation to promote the Toys for Tots donation events on St. Croix and St. Thomas.

“We are excited to bring back the Holiday Hope tradition to St. Croix. The return of our annual event was a success. We look forward to sharing proceeds with our partner organizations as well as contributing to our scholarship fund for students in the tourism

and hospitality field. We have planned two events for 2020, including Christmas in July and Holiday Hope in December. We look forward to continued success in next year's community outreach efforts," said STXHTA President Suzanne Rosbach.

Holiday Hope was held Dec. 5 at Sion Farm Distillery with about 75 attendees mingling and enjoying delicious food by Chef Aaron and 40 Strand. Attendees participated in a live raffle and basket raffle to raise funds during the event. Raffle items ranged from hotel stays to exciting excursions to air travel, according to the release.

STXHTA thanked its sponsors: The Department of Agriculture; Tamarind Reef Resort; Mutiny Island Vodka; Marshall & Sterling Insurance; and the St. Croix Hotel & Tourism Association.

Auction items were provided by: Divi Carina Bay Beach Resort & Casino; Silver Airways & Seaborne Airlines; The Buccaneer Hotel; Tamarind Reef Resort; Cape Air; GoToStCroix; Sugar Apple Bed & Breakfast; Sweeny's St. Croix Safari Tours; Big Beard's Adventure Tours; The Ritz-Carlton, St. Thomas; Emerald Beach Resort; Dive Experience; The Reef Disc Golf Course; Sand Castle on Beach; The Fred; Cane Bay Dive Shop; The Frame Up Art and Craft Supply; Marshall & Sterling Insurance; and St. Croix Island Life.

The association also thanked to Quality Food St. Croix; Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits; and Cruzan Environmental Services for donating additional products and services for the event.