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## PRESS RELEASE

### PROJECT PROMISE, DSPR AND VOLUNTEERS REHAB PLAYGROUND

**ST. CROIX, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS (JULY 31, 2021)** – Project Promise, in collaboration with the V.I. Department of Sports Parks and Recreation (VIDSPR) and visiting volunteers, renovated the playground at La Grande Princesse Park, yesterday. Volunteers from Project Promise, workers from VIDSPR and students from Project Promise's Caterpillar Project installed a new piece of equipment.

Officials from Project Promise entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the VIDSPR in January to collaborate on the upkeep and maintenance of one public playground annually. Typically, the annual project is scheduled for January, however, this year's program had to be postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The La Grande Princesse playground is the fifth playground to be rehabilitated since the original MOU was signed in 2017.

Project Promise president and founder Resa O'Reilly said it is part of the organization's goal to give back to the community and ensure that the program's students learn the importance of giving back. "Despite the pandemic, I'm so thrilled that we could come together to fulfill our commitment and improve this space."

"I'd like to thank Commissioner White and Asst. Commissioner Hansen for partnering with us on this project," O'Reilly said. Project Promise extends special thanks to the Department of Sports Parks and Recreation staffers and their volunteers for their assistance constructing the new playground equipment, and their board member who donated the geo dome climber.

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### ABOUT PROJECT PROMISE

Project Promise is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of at-risk youth on St. Croix by providing empowerment initiatives, cultural programs and family services. To learn more about Project Promise, please visit their website at [www.projectpromisevi.com](http://www.projectpromisevi.com).