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PROJECT PROMISE BUILDING REHAB FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS

ST. CROIX, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS (JUNE 13, 2021) – Project Promise, a nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of at-risk youths in St. Croix is thrilled to announce that, thanks to the success of its recent fundraising efforts, rehabilitation of the group's building in downtown Christiansted is now underway.

Project Promise has a number of programs that have already proven successful, including an intensive, holistic multi-year after-school program. For seven years the organization has been operating out of borrowed facilities because their 2,200 square foot facility has been uninhabitable.

In May, the Humanitarian Experience for Youth surprised Project Promise by offering to provide \$25,000 of funding plus seven weeks of volunteer labor to start rehabbing the building. On top of this, Home Depot offered to provide \$22,000 worth of building materials for this effort.

"It was an incredible opportunity," Project Promise President and Founder Resa O'Reilly relates, "but there was a catch. We had to get the roof replaced by June 11th, so that the building would be safe for the volunteers to be in. This meant that we had just five weeks to raise \$50,000 and get the work done!"

The community response was so strong that between cash and in-kind donations \$84,879.58 was raised from 29 businesses and 119 individuals—enough to fund the roof replacement plus additional work that the building will require.

Major donors include:

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| • Haugland VI | \$ 25,000 |
| • AMC Construction-demo work | \$10,500 value |
| • St. Croix Trading-lumber for roof | \$ 6,210.58 value |
| • TEAM Consultants | \$ 5,000 |
| • St. Croix Board of Realtors | \$ 5,000 |
| • Oriental Bank | \$ 5,000 |
| • IPOS | \$ 2,500 |
| • Banco Popular | \$ 2,000 |

Once completed, the building will be more than "just" a home for Project Promise. It will also serve as a community center with classrooms, a computer lab, a full kitchen, a laundry center (some students' families cannot afford to wash their clothes), a multipurpose room, office space and more.

"We are extremely grateful to our supporters," Resa says, "and bursting with excitement about the program expansions that will be possible once the building rehabilitation is complete." Individuals



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can make donations to support the building rehabilitation project by visiting the Project Promise website, www.projectpromisevi.com.

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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.