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PRESS RELEASE

PROJECT PROMISE CATERPILLARS HELP LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED

St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands (*August 26, 2017*) – Project Promise's Caterpillar Project (TCP) students presented one local family with a number of various items for their household. It was part of the students' monthly community service project, and for August they partnered with the Virgin Islands Department of Human Services (DHS) to identify a family in need. The family includes two small children, a 2-year-old boy and a 4-year-old girl. Last Friday, the Caterpillar students gave the family clothing, toiletries and other basic necessities for the children during a special presentation.

The grandmother of the two preschoolers, Faybelle Forde, was extremely thankful. "Words can't express the feeling within me at this moment," remarked Ms. Forde. "I really wasn't expecting this valued contribution. The grandchildren are all excited and happy for everything, and I must let you all know this will not go unrewarded. I pray that the Father above will bless all of you in everything you do," concluded Ms. Forde.

The Caterpillars were given the task of developing a list of items that the children would need, and the list was then split between the Caterpillar students. The mentors, life coaches, staff and volunteers for the program also assisted the students in the effort.

On Saturday, the Caterpillars also made a special presentation to a local student with Down's Syndrome. The Caterpillars presented Nyah Robinson with a new backpack and school supplies from monies they raised during a fundraising campaign for children with disabilities as part of their July community service. Project Promise founder and president Resa O'Reilly said she is extremely proud of the students. "This was an extraordinary summer of giving for our Caterpillars! They exceeded all expectations and surpassed all the goals that were set forth for both July and August's service projects," said O'Reilly.

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For more information about The Caterpillar Project, or other Project Promise programs, please contact Resa O'Reilly at (340) 244-3242. Project Promise is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of at-risk youth on St. Croix by providing

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