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St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands (*March 3, 2025*) – On Saturday, February 8th, Project Promise hosted its signature Havana Nights fundraising event; this year's theme was A Night at Oriental Park Racetrack! Project Promise was excited to bring this community favorite back for the ninth year in a row in support of its programs, where over 200 attendees enjoyed live Cuban music, authentic Cuban dishes, a Silent auction, a cigar rolling demonstration, and a chance to win a trip for two to Cuba. This year's raffle ticket winner was Tennisha Riddick.

Havana Nights was held at the University of the Virgin Islands RT Park Campus. Several highlights from the evening included a Winner's Circle featuring retired racehorse Mack 10, and appearance by Project Promise's Robotics Team and the recognition of three high school students for their overall achievements. This year's Excellence & Leadership Awards were presented to St. Croix Central High School senior, N'Ziera Gordon, St. Croix Career & Technical Education Center senior, Malachi Sealey, and St. Croix Educational Complex senior, Tiera Polanco.

Project Promise would like to thank all their sponsors for their support; especially their Platinum Sponsors- Diageo, The Department of Health- Family Planning Program and TEAM Consultants.

The proceeds from Havana Nights benefit Project Promise's Caterpillar Project (TCP), a long-term program designed to make a significant difference in the lives of at-risk youth on St. Croix. TCP began on January 25, 2016 with selected fifth graders from the Lew Muckle Elementary School as well as all its other programs.

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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. For more information about Project Promise, please contact Resa O'Reilly Shearn at (340) 513-0446 or please visit the website at www.projectpromisevi.com.