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PRESS RELEASE

**PROJECT PROMISE CATERPILLARS AND VOLUNTEERS REPAIR
PAVILION ROOF AT ALTONA LAGOON FOR MLK ANNUAL DAY OF
SERVICE**

St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands (January 20, 2020) – On Monday, students from Project Promise's Caterpillar Project program honored Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy with a day of service. It has become an annual tradition for the program participants who join thousands around the world in honoring King's birthday as a "day on, not a day off." This year, the Caterpillars along with Project Promise staff, teamed up with local volunteers to replace the roof at Altona Lagoon's pavilion on the east end of St. Croix. In addition to roof repairs, the group repainted the pavilion and surrounding areas, picked up trash and refilled the sandbox at the playground.

"Community service is part of the commitment our students fulfill on a monthly basis, and it's important on this day especially, that we support Dr. King's vision of strengthening communities by revitalizing Altona Lagoon," said Project Promise founder and president Resa O'Reilly. The federal agency charged with leading the national effort to celebrate Dr. King's birthday is the Corporation for National and Community Service. This year marks the 25th celebration of the MLK Day of Service, a day intended to empower individuals, strengthen communities, bridge barriers, create solutions to social problems, and move us closer to Dr. King's vision of a "beloved community."

Paint for the rehabilitation project was donated by Colorama The Paint Solution Company, lumber was donated by St. Croix Trading and High-Quality Concrete donated the sand to refresh the playground. Project Promise will partner with O'Reilly's Plumbing and Construction to provide additional supplies and manpower needed to rebuild the roof, and Boyd's Painting to complete the second phase of the project. Phase two is scheduled to be completed within the next two weeks. Today's project is also in line with Project Promise's commitment to rehab one playground annually as part of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) they entered into with the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation in 2016.

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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 empowerment initiatives, cultural programs and family services. To learn more about Project Promise, please visit the website at www.projectpromisevi.com.