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PRESS RELEASE

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HONORED AT PROJECT PROMISE'S FOURTH ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER

St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands (February 10, 2020) – On Saturday evening, over three hundred people turned out to support Project Promise's fourth annual silent auction fundraiser in support of its Caterpillar Project (TCP) program. The Havana Nights-Tropical Rainforest themed event was held at Fort Frederik, and featured an authentic Cuban experience, with Cuban cuisine, antique cars, salsa dancing and a silent auction.

Officials from Project Promise once again combined the Havana Nights fundraiser with its annual Youth Recognition event to showcase three high school students and spotlight their accomplishments over the last school year. St. Croix Educational Complex senior Chadiya Stevens, St. Croix Career and Technical Education Center (CTEC) senior Juan Batista, and St. Croix Central High School senior Okeyno Cornelius were all honored Saturday as this year's Project Promise Youth Recognition Award recipients. They were selected to represent their respective schools by a panel from Project Promise, after submitting an essay. Each student received a laptop computer, a Crucian Gold Pendant, a custom tee from Cruzan Creations, an award certificate and custom-made handcrafted plaque for their accomplishments over the last year. Three participants from Project Promise's Caterpillar Project were also accomplished at this year's event for their outstanding service during this past summer's 'Service Trip Across America'.

The proceeds from Havana Nights benefits Project Promise's Caterpillar Project, a long-term program designed to make a significant difference in the lives of at-risk youth in St. Croix. TCP began on January 25, 2016 with selected fifth graders from the Lew Muckle Elementary School, the support of the Department of Education, and community partners.

Project Promise would like to thank the community, its sponsors, and all the individuals who helped to make Havana Nights a great success.

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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.