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Email: [info@projectpromisevi.com](mailto:info@projectpromisevi.com)**PROJECT PROMISE RE-LAUNCHES POPULAR BUCK ISLAND  
“TICKET TO RIDE” PROGRAM FOR LOCAL STUDENTS**

**ST. CROIX, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS (OCTOBER 14, 2022)** – Project Promise, a nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of at-risk youths in St. Croix, is excited to announce that its Buck Island “Ticket to Ride” Program, which gives local public school fifth grade students the opportunity to visit and learn about the Buck Island Reef National Monument, is relaunching its program following a two-year pandemic-induced hiatus.

The three-part program includes a field trip as well as classroom visits by a park ranger both before and after the field trip. Students learn about Buck Island’s ecological significance and cultural history and get the opportunity to experience the island’s wonders first-hand.

This year’s program is made possible thanks to the generosity of Big Beard’s Adventure Tours, which is providing free boat transportation to and from Buck Island for all program participants.

“The reality is,” Project Promise Executive Director and Founder Resa O’Reilly shares, “a vast majority of our students cannot afford to visit this beautiful national park, as it is only accessible via boat. Therefore, we are thrilled that Big Beard’s Adventure Tours is once again making it possible for fifth grade students from all seven public elementary schools to have this amazing experience.”

**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](http://www.projectpromisevi.com).

