

# St. Croix Foundation for Community Development

## *Our Vision* FOR THE NEXT 3 YEARS

*With 25 years of Leadership in Service to the Virgin Islands Community under our belt, our vision for the future entails positioning the Foundation as an innovation hub and the epicenter of social transformation in the Virgin Islands....Join us!*

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Recognizing the direct connection between economic growth and public safety, St. Croix Foundation is dedicating significant focus on this priority area. Extending our 15 year partnership with the Virgin Islands Police Department, we are **identifying funding for a state-of-the-art security camera and surveillance system** and providing flexible support that is responsive to emerging needs. We are also **expanding our Workforce Development Initiatives for unemployed youth** which consists of targeted craft curriculum, a national trade certification, on-the-job-training, and long-term paid internships. Ultimately, the program seeks to provide our growing demographic of unskilled youth with a structured pathway to gainful employment. Our goal is to build community 'confidence' and incentivize economic activity while deterring criminal activity.

### PUBLIC SERVICE

Having served as the fiscal umbrella for over 220 grassroots and small nonprofit projects since our inception, the Foundation recognizes the vital role that civic organizations play in healthy communities. Today, the sad reality is that our nonprofits have taken a significant 'hit' as private donor pools have evaporated, local government funding has dwindled, and social service needs have exploded. In response, we are **building capacity for our nonprofit organizations by providing fiduciary services and technical assistance as well as organizational development support**. Additionally, we offer strategic grants that are more than mere Band Aids. And, as our community's socioeconomic needs around homelessness grows, we are currently **launching a homeless triage clinic and shelters**, in partnership with several social service agencies, to support the development of transitional housing and wrap around services for our homeless population.

### PUBLIC POLICY

With growing clarity about the inextricable link between the health of a Community and its governmental systems, St. Croix Foundation has shifted our focus from programs to policy. Working with a host of civic organizations like the Christiansted Community Alliance, we are **advocating for the radical reform of local laws surrounding dilapidated properties, blight and noise nuisances**. We are also examining the Territory's educational policies, **conducting a comprehensive analysis of public school system statutes and convening policymakers around neutral data** in order to collaboratively work toward better alignment of policies and consensus for reform. Our overarching objective is to build a web-based *Policy Map* that provides local policy makers and key stakeholders with a databank of existing educational policies and data that will allow us to collectively make *informed* decisions in support of *whole-system* reforms.

### PUBLIC WILL

Based on our 25 years of experience, building public will is a critical step in social transformation. Today, we are **developing a blueprint for a state-of-the-art teaching laboratory, in partnership with the University of the Virgin Islands and other key stakeholders**. The Lab will expose local teacher leaders to international best practices, promote educational tourism, test teaching strategies and build public will around education to create a beacon of teaching excellence in the Virgin Islands that will serve as a vehicle for educational reform and economic development.

Targeting root causes. Building capacity. That's Impact.

*For more information on how you can support the Foundation's efforts, please contact us at 340.773.9898.*



## DEEP IMPACT

### 25 Years of

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS & NATIONAL RECOGNITION

##### Town Revitalization: \$12 million invested

Since 2002, over 200 historic properties have been scraped, painted, and rejuvenated Territory-wide.

- 2005:** Sunday Market Square Roadway Renovation is completed
- 2007:** Nationally recognized by the **International Downtown Association** for our comprehensive historic town revitalization efforts
- 2008:** Nationally recognized by the **Council on Foundations** for our entire body of economic and community development work

##### Economic Development: \$3 million invested

From 1996 to 2008, St. Croix Foundation provided over 1.2 million dollars in small business loans for the creation and expansion of over 60 small businesses.

- 2003:** Recognition by the **US Small Business Administration** for managing the nation's best Women's Business Center
- 2009:** Development of the **US Virgin Islands' first Small Business Incubator**

##### Public Safety: \$1 million invested

- 2000:** Secured funding for Territory-wide **security cameras on St. Croix, St. Thomas, and St. John**
- 2006:** Awarded over \$450,000 in grants for **VIPD Professional Development and Training**

##### Education Reform: \$1.3 million invested

Since 2005, to date we have invested over \$1 million into the Territory's public education system.

- 2009:** Nationally recognized by **the National School Boards Association** for our Model Schools Initiative
- 2014:** Our Youth Advisory Council was selected by the **National Youth Leadership Council** to present their Global Youth Network at the 2014 National Youth Leadership Conference

##### Fiscal Sponsorships: \$20 million managed

Since 1992, the Foundation has served over 200 projects allowing charitable work to move forward under our nonprofit umbrella.

- 1998 to 2011:** Selected by the **Center for Disease Control and Health & Resources Services Administration** to serve as third-party fiduciary for the Territory's federal AIDS funding

