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PRESS RELEASE

VI DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES THANKS THE MARKET FOR ITS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

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U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS - The Virgin Islands Department of Human Services (DHS) today announced that The Market on both St. Thomas and St. Croix generously donated 235 cases of water to be used for the Emergency Service Function (ESF) 6 Mass Care efforts to be ready in the event of a disaster.

DHS Commissioner, Kimberley Causey-Gomez stated, "Preparing for a disaster is a community responsibility and we should all work together to ensure the health and safety of the people of the Virgin Islands. We are especially thankful for our business partners as we develop public-private partnerships. The Market has always supported DHS with donations for the clients we serve and for that we are very appreciative."

DHS is the lead agency for ESF-6 Mass Care efforts for the territory. DHS and its partner agencies provide a critical emergency support functions to the community in times of natural and manmade disasters. Preparedness is even more crucial as we continue to serve throughout the COVID19 Pandemic. The Market provided drinking water to be used in the time of a disaster and the need for evacuation shelters to be opened.

For more information, please visit the Department of Human Services website, www.dhs.gov.vi or on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/usvidhs>) at US Virgin Islands Department of Human Services.

For more information on COVID-19, the new strain of coronavirus, please visit the USVI Department of Health's website, www.doh.vi.gov/coronavirus or text COVID19USVI to 888777. #COVID19USVI

The Department of Human Services (VIDHS) exists to provide social services to members in our community with diverse needs. In times of national uncertainty and hardship we act as a safety-net and exist to inspire hope and empower change through non-judgmental, quality delivery of needed services and resources. Please visit the Department of Human Services website, www.dhs.gov.vi for more information.

The Bryan-Roach Administration is investing in the Territory's people, infrastructure, and future through transparency, stabilizing the economy, restoring trust in the government, and ensuring that recovery projects are completed as quickly as possible. Visit transparency.vi.gov.

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

THANK YOU!

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We cannot do it alone!

A special thank you to our partners, the family owners of **The Market** on St. Thomas and St. Croix for their donation of 235 cases of water for the Territorial Emergency Evacuation Shelters.



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