



## PRESS RELEASE

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### The Market STX and STT Provides VI Department of Human Services Donation to Celebrate “National Cookie Day”

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS - The Virgin Islands Department of Human Services (DHS) today announced that The Market St. Croix and St. Thomas donated over 700 chocolate chip cookies to be distributed to all DHS employees territory-wide in celebration of National Cookie Day, occurring on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December.

Commissioner Kimberley Causey-Gomez expressed, “As a community, we are extremely grateful for the public-private partnership with The Market. The Market, St. Croix and St. Thomas (<https://www.themarketvi.com/>), has been a huge supporter of DHS and the employees who serve about 40,000 Virgin Islanders every day. DHS employees touches the lives from our littlest people to our elderly through our eighty-four programs. Thank you, Wally, Mafi, Shawn, and Willy - Hamed Family, owners of The Market for ‘Working Together to Make a Difference’.”



2021 has been a difficult year for many in our community and the nation due to the Pandemic. It is the season of gratitude and giving and if you or your business are inclined to do so this year, DHS is graciously accepting donations on behalf of our clients. Our Christmas 2021 Wish List includes the following:

Herbert Grigg Home for the Aged (facility) – St. Croix

- Storage Trailers
- Gardening Tools
- Adult Wipes
- Flat and Fitted Sheets (twin and bariatric sizes)
- Towels and washcloths and Bibs
- Liquid Ivory Soap Unscented
- Commercial Riding Lawnmower – 18 ton

Herbert Grigg Home for the Aged (residents) – St. Croix

- Total residents (23 – 18 females/5 males)
- Toiletries, socks, adult pampers, t-shirts, house dresses

Point of Contact - Ms. Anna Velez-Martinez  
Director, Herbert Grigg Home for the Aged  
(340) 277-7818 or ana.velez-martinez@dhs.vi.gov

Queen Louise Home for the Aged (facility) – St. Thomas

- 50 lbs. of goat (mutton) for stew (VI Finest)
- New furniture for TV room and porch furniture

Queen Louise Home for the Aged (residents) – St. Thomas

- Total residents (13)
  - Females (8) - house dresses (1 2XL; 3 XL; 3 Large; and 1 Medium)
  - Males (5) – t-shirts, polo shirts, (3 XL; 1 Large; and 1 Medium), socks,

Point of Contact – Ms. Ernie Pennyfeather  
Administrator, Division of Senior Citizen Affairs  
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Division of Senior Citizen Affairs, Adult Protective Services

- Toiletry Items for 40 clients: Including soap, shampoo, conditioner, mouthwash, perfume, cologne, lotion, adult sized pampers (XL, Lg, and M)
- New Wheelchairs (5)
- New Walkers (5)

#### Division of Children and Family Services - Foster and Protective Services

Christmas blessings have been bestowed upon us in our St. Thomas/St. John District by the St. Thomas Rotary, New Herrnhut Moravian Church and the St. Thomas Lodge. We currently have children and youth ranging in age from 4 – 19 years old in Foster Care in need of toys and electronic wishes that include: trucks, tablets, hoverboards, remote control cars (batteries), bicycle, play station, Bluetooth headphones, and gold earrings. Stockings filled for 54 children are also needed on St. Croix.

Point of Contact – Ms. Charrisse Hart  
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#### Adopt-A-Family for a Christmas Meal

- Cooked meal to support a family of 4-10 people
- Uncooked meal, please include Turkey/turkey breast; Rice; Boxed mashed potatoes; Gravy; Stuffing; Cranberry sauce; Ingredients for macaroni and cheese; Canned vegetables; Canned yams; Sparkling cider; Canned/Bottle Juice; Rolls; and Dessert.

Point of Contact  
Commissioner's Office  
St. Thomas – Ms. Maribel Chinnery (340) 774-1166  
St. Croix – Ms. Lorilei Plaskett or Ms. Jacqueline Carter (340) 773-2980

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

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](http://www.dhs.gov.vi) for more information.

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](http://www.doh.vi.gov/coronavirus) or text COVID19USVI to 888777. #COVID19USVI

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