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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Fire Incident Safely Contained at Queen Louise Home for Children: Residents and Staff Unharmed**

**U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS** - The Virgin Islands Department of Human Services advises the community that there was a fire incident at Queen Louise Home for Children on St. Croix, in the early morning hours of today, Sunday, August 13, 2023. The fire was isolated to one area. All residents and staff are safe and physically uninjured.

Staff and residents were immediately moved to alternate safe living spaces and additional counseling support is being made available for access as needed.

Queen Louise Home for Children has served our children and community for 119 years and we thank the community for their long-standing love and support. Lutheran Social Services of the Virgin Islands will keep the community updated about renovation activities.

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.

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