



# THE CARE FUND



*As an operating Foundation, we are hard at work with our sleeves rolled up to assist with coordinated and collaborative local recovery efforts. Through the incredible gifts that our CARE Fund has received from those near and far, the Foundation is already activating a strategic and sustainable recovery. **Today, we are preparing to launch our architectural survey to drive our work in sustainable rebuilding; and we are excited to begin awarding grants to critical nonprofits in 2018.** In the meantime, here are just a few of the successes and collaborations we've accomplished to date with your support:*

**Facilitating the shipment and distribution of hundreds of thousands of pounds of food, water, clothing, baby supplies and medical supplies**

**Sponsoring the shipment and security of over 117,847 pounds of critical relief supplies**

**Convening nonprofit and public sector partners** including FEMA, Voluntary Agencies Active in Disaster (VOAD), Red Cross, Danish Emergency Management Agency, and many others to facilitate holistic and collaborative community-wide recovery efforts

**Providing office space, free of charge, to nonprofit organizations displaced by Hurricane Maria** including the Boys and Girls Club and the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Council so that they can continue providing critical services for our community. We have also afforded countless nonprofit partners the use of our conference room as they strive to get back to work!

**Building a network of national funders and grassroots philanthropists to support the Virgin Islands and generate resources to help our territory rebuild**, such as the Southeastern Council of Foundations, the Association of Black Foundation Executives, REV!VE USVI, and the VI Bar Association to name just a few.

Training 50 volunteers to conduct disaster recovery needs assessments with a goal of surveying 2,500 residents to assess the impact of Irma and Maria and connect individuals who have critical needs to organizations that may be able to help. **Approximately 1 out of every 3 residents who have completed a Needs Assessment Survey have received a referral for critical supplies or services to help them recover!** The data will also inform the community-wide dialogue about next steps.

Launching the *Nonprofit Damage and Needs Assessment Survey* to assess the impact of the storm on St. Croix's nonprofits and determine what resources are necessary to get critical organizations fully operational. **Approximately 60% of the nonprofit organizations and projects which completed the Nonprofit Damages and Needs Assessment Survey received resources or services provided by the St. Croix Foundation.**

