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# Press Release

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## **ST. CROIX FOUNDATION POSTPONES 2020 FOOD & WINE EXPERIENCE**

**St. Croix, U.S.V.I., March 12, 2020** – St. Croix Foundation for Community Development regrettably wishes to announce the postponement of the 2020 St. Croix Food & Wine Experience, “A Toast to Simple Abundance” out of an abundance of caution relative to the current Coronavirus global pandemic. The annual benefit of St. Croix Foundation, the Food & Wine Experience will be held at a later date.

St. Croix Foundation President, Deanna James, stated, “after many hours of thoughtful deliberation, and on behalf of our Team and Board at St. Croix Foundation for Community Development, we have made the not-so-difficult decision to postpone the 2020 Food & Wine Experience. While this decision comes at a time of tremendous global uncertainty and anxiety, we are resolute in our commitment to ensuring the wellbeing of our Partners, our Patrons, and our Team. At this time, we firmly believe that it is in the best interest of our Organization and our Community to delay large gatherings and community convenings in the interest of public health.”

The Foundation remains deeply grateful for the continued support and partnership of its valued sponsors and partners and is working diligently and expeditiously to develop thoughtful and realistic contingencies and next steps around rescheduling the Food and Wine Experience. The Organization will provide updates on the *Experience* in the weeks and months to come and looks forward to the community joining us in a “Toast to Simple Abundance”, at a later date.

To date, the Foundation has already reached out directly to its many Partners and Sponsors to notify them of the change. And,

wishes to invite all patrons who have purchased tickets to contact the Foundation Office directly via email at, [staff@stxfoundation.org](mailto:staff@stxfoundation.org) or by phone at 340-773-9898 for information on refunds or place-holders.

The Foundation wishes to thank its growing list of sponsors and longstanding partners of the Food & Wine Experience, including Virgin Islands Department of Tourism, Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits, Caravelle Hotel and Casino, ProSolar Systems, Crucian Point, First Bank, Virgin Islands Daily News, Will and Kay Cook, Bohlke International Airways, International Private Bank, Virgin Islands Port Authority, The Buccaneer, TEAM Consultants, USVI Economic Development Authority, balter, Tropical Shipping, StCroixTourism.com, Bert Smith and Co., Silver Airways, Centerline Car Rentals, ProTouch Communications, Marshall & Sterling Insurance, Plessen Healthcare, Crucian Gold, Banco Popular, Seaside Market and Deli, and Bank of St. Croix.

#### **ABOUT ST. CROIX FOUNDATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

St. Croix Foundation for Community Development will mark 30 years of service to the US Virgin Islands community in September of 2020. Established in 1990, the Foundation has served as a conduit for over 42 million dollars in funding for community-based projects throughout the Virgin Islands. With an incomparable track record of successful community development initiatives and national recognition for its work in education reform and small business development, the Foundation has also received international acknowledgement for its community revitalization initiatives and, today, continues directing its focus on energy independence, workforce development, education, youth and families, and of course, the broad-based support of nonprofits, including fiscal sponsorship, grantmaking, and the Nonprofit Consortium.