

Through all the Storms

Fortifying & Inoculating Vulnerable Communities



THE CARE FUND

Today, as our Community joins the world in a global fight to combat the COVID-19 Pandemic, your gift to the CARE Fund will support the people of the U.S. Virgin Islands in several targeted priority areas. St. Croix Foundation for Community Development launched the CARE Fund back in 2017, immediately following Hurricanes Irma and Maria to provide direct support to front-line relief efforts and holistic long-term recovery strategies. Through CARE, we have raised and awarded over \$1.5 Million Dollars in strategic, high impact investments in the Virgin Islands.

Open Door Fund – Nonprofit Operating Support

SCF is prioritizing the stabilization of essential local nonprofit organizations who are playing a critical role in serving and supporting the most vulnerable populations directly or indirectly impacted by the current COVID-19 pandemic. Funds will serve to keep doors open and critical frontline organizations operational during this economically fragile time.

Direct Support for Frontline Responders

Operating today in an isolated community with significantly fewer philanthropic resources, SCF is marshalling resources through our CARE Fund to award strategic grants to Frontline Responders and Civic Organizations that are supporting the most affected and vulnerable populations.

Data Collection on Unmet Needs

The Foundation is spearheading data collection initiatives to inform how to most effectively connect individuals and organizations that have critical needs with available resources. The data collected will also serve to inform radical new strategies that will be employed to build more fortified and equitable systems in the future.

Resiliency and Systems Innovation

The Foundation is working with private and public sector partners to develop and advocate for comprehensive systems reforms with program components that will serve to inoculate vulnerable populations from future disasters and pandemics by ensuring innovative, adaptive and resilient infrastructures.

A 30 Year Track Record of Innovative Disaster Philanthropy

As a place-based community foundation, St. Croix Foundation has weathered many storms in the past. Founded in 1990 in the wake of Hurricane Hugo- the most devastating natural disaster to impact the US Virgin Islands in over a century- we have honed and demonstrated the power of place-based philanthropy during our 29 years of service.

From hurricanes to economic recessions and now, a global pandemic, the call of philanthropy has never changed for us: get on the ground, nurture enduring relationships with nonprofits to understand needs, and devise targeted solutions. Ultimately, St. Croix Foundation serves as a conduit (not a container) of resources.

Today, despite the dire circumstances facing our Territory, indeed the world, because of COVID-19, philanthropy is being afforded an unparalleled opportunity to build innovative global models for isolated, rural communities, which can fortify and inoculate vulnerable people by building pioneering and equitable new systems and safety nets.

Ours is an ambitious agenda of [holistic place-based philanthropy](#). The CARE Fund is serving as a vehicle for directing financial resources toward our vitally important civic sector which is filling some of the most critical service voids in our community. With the overarching goal of encouraging greater philanthropic investment in America's underserved, underrepresented Colonies, today and in the future, St. Croix Foundation is catalyzing healthy and resilient communities for now and forever!

Please unite with us.

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