



## ST. CROIX FOUNDATION Grant & Program Funds Portfolio

*St. Croix Foundation's (SCF) portfolio of funds offers grants and scholarships to **organizations** providing direct services on St. Croix and to **individuals** seeking enrichment opportunities. Grants support educational and extracurricular programs for youth and adult professional development, healthcare initiatives, and broad-based community and capacity-building efforts.*

*By selecting an existing fund at St. Croix Foundation, donors are able to easily meet their charitable goals without all the paperwork. To give, visit us at [www.stxfoundation.org](http://www.stxfoundation.org) today.*

### YOUTH & EDUCATION

#### **Foundation Scholars Fund**

The Foundation Scholars Fund was initially established in 2005 by a generous donor who wished to provide support to young adults attending the University of the Virgin Islands and majoring in business. Since then, the Foundation Scholars Fund has broadened to provide scholarships for youth pursuing summer enrichment opportunities, adults seeking certification or professional development, and traditional scholarships for higher education. To date, the Foundation Scholars Fund has awarded \$46,735 in scholarships and is in need of additional funding to support more of our youth.

#### **KIDS COUNT USVI Fund**

A national initiative that collects and reports on data regarding the wellbeing of children and families, KIDS COUNT USVI is the only data repository in the Virgin Islands on our children's health, education, economic wellbeing, and community and family. In 2020, SCF was selected by the Annie E. Casey Foundation to be the new steward of the KIDS COUNT USVI Initiative. Our strategy goes far beyond publishing an annual data book. We are, for the first time in a decade, reporting current, real-time data, incorporating nonprofits who serve children and families, and focusing on populations that are at-risk – to themselves and the community at-large. This Fund supports robust data collection, analysis, reporting, policy research and analysis, and advocacy for change at the system level.

#### **Math and Science Summer Scholarship Fund**

Administered by the Foundation, this Fund awards grants of up to \$2,000 to high school students on the island of St. Croix. Qualifying students must have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of a (B) or better and be accepted into an accredited summer enrichment program locally or stateside, with a specific focus on STEM. Since 2005, the Math & Science Scholarship Fund has awarded over \$72,460 to students on the island of St. Croix to attend such programs as the Congressional Student Leadership Conference on Forensics & Crime Scene Investigations and Smith College's Summer Science & Engineering Program.

The Math and Science Summer Scholarship Fund has fully granted the funds available at this time. Scholarship cycles will resume when resources are available. Please consider supporting this vital Fund by giving today!



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#### **☐ Patrick & Amelia Williams Opportunity Fund**

Established by Junior Gaspard in honor of his grandparents, Patrick and Amelia Williams, this Fund was created to inspire and reward a strong work ethic, high standards of excellence, and determination in our youth. The Patrick and Amelia Williams Opportunity Fund opened its first scholarship cycle on May 1, 2018. In its first five scholarship cycles, the Patrick and Amelia Williams Opportunity Fund has granted \$59,000 in scholarships ranging from \$1000 to \$5000 each, to 11 St. Croix students pursuing degrees in meteorology, criminal science, nursing, the culinary arts, engineering, and music education. Students are now attending institutes such as Howard University, the University of the Virgin Islands, Temple University, and the University of Delaware. The Patrick and Amelia Williams Opportunity Fund opens annually in the spring.

#### **☐ Virgin Islands Youth “Reclaim and Recycle” Fund**

Gifts to this special youth fund aim to advance a common goal of creating a cleaner island while concurrently supporting critical youth programs. The Fund enable youth groups of all types (academic clubs, sports teams, etc.) who are raising funds for their programs to put down their water bottles and “for sale” signs on the side of the road and instead clean up and recycle plastic, glass, and aluminum. We invite donors to invest in this fund for three-fold benefits: beautification of our island, nurturing a culture of awareness and recycling, and supporting our young people.

### **COMMUNITY BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT**

#### **☐ CARE Fund**

Established in the immediate aftermath of 2017 Hurricanes Irma and Maria, the CARE Fund supports strategic, high-impact investments in the Virgin Islands for disaster recovery and community resilience. Now a permanent Fund at the Foundation, the CARE Fund continues to grant to St. Croix nonprofits on the frontlines of COVID-19 and protracted Hurricane recovery efforts. The Fund prioritizes; 1) Stabilizing nonprofits serving vulnerable populations through Open-Door Funding; and 2) Providing direct support to frontline NPOs to build or expand programming. To date, the CARE Fund has awarded \$1.3 million to local nonprofits.

#### **☐ Nonprofit Consortium – Civic Alliance Fund**

Launched in 2016 among table conversations with 50+ nonprofits, the Nonprofit Consortium (NPC) has evolved into one of the Foundation’s most important investments and a vital Community Asset that is fast becoming a national model for the field of place-based philanthropy. With formal membership of roughly 30 organizations, through our NPC, nonprofits are collaborating around operational priorities, aligned missions, and programming across the following sectors: Crucian Heritage & the Arts, Built & Natural Environs, Health & Human Welfare, and Youth & Education. With few systems in the U.S.V.I. working effectively or efficiently, the Nonprofit Consortium is focused on building capacity and civic alliances in order to rebuild holistic, equitable and progressive new systems to support not only the most vulnerable and underserved, but all Virgin Islanders!



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### **☐ Sunday Market Square and Alexander Theater Restoration Fund**

This fund will expand SCF's community block development in downtown Christiansted through the retrofit of the Alexander Theater (c 1950s) and two additional historic properties centered in the Sunday Market Square (c 1733-present), one of the oldest planned public squares in the United States. Once a designated space where enslaved Africans were permitted to sell, trade, and connect on Sundays, it remained a gathering spot for residents through the 1900s and the center of economic activity in Christiansted. This fund will reimagine, restore, and revitalize the Square through the renovation and retrofit of the Alexander Theater into a safe house/shelter and the only modern, indoor performing arts center on St. Croix, while also providing new spaces for co-working, housing, and commercial offices.

### **CORE SUPPORT FOR ST. CROIX FOUNDATION**

#### **SCF Unrestricted Program Operations Fund**

According to Bridgespan Group, 80% of grants are restricted grants and do not fund the entirety of a program and particularly not programmatic planning and development. In fact, these are the keys to SCF's success at administering programs that receive national recognition. Funds directed toward our Unrestricted Program Fund support data collection, building and maintaining partnerships to identifying funding, the design of programmatic scope, and fills in gaps in implementation and assessment. Investing in unrestricted program funding makes it possible for the Foundation to continue to be flexible, innovative, and to achieve successes that have led to national recognition- our most recent of which is the 2022 HUD Secretary's Award for Public-Philanthropic Partnerships!

#### **St. Croix Food & Wine Experience Sponsorship Fund**

St. Croix Foundation's only benefit, the *St. Croix Food & Wine Experience*, is a weekend event-series that draws over 1000 guests from over 280 cities in the Caribbean, the U.S. mainland, and indeed, around the world. Filled with celebrity chefs, world-renowned wines, and stunning vistas at locations across the island, the events were paused in 2020 due to COVID-19. In 2022, St. Croix Foundation began testing the waters and is now inviting sponsors to help us make a come-back (ugh). Sponsors receive extensive acknowledgement for their support, and all charitable proceeds through the event support St. Croix Foundation's programs and operations and ensure SCF's self-sufficiency, allowing us to expand our services without competing with civic partners for increasingly scarce donor resources.

*For more information on funds and donor options,  
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