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“Moving on Up!”

RE: Donation Request for Virgin Islands Association for Independent Living, Inc. (VIAIL)

I, Monique Bute, the Executive Director for VIAIL, which is a nonprofit organization that empowers persons with disabilities to live an independent lifestyle within the community, am requesting your assistance. Our staff is comprised of 50 % plus one of persons with disabilities as well as our board of directors. I am currently promoting our **“Moving on UP!”** development project event to raise much needed funding for our new home. We are relocating our offices and developing our training facility on St. Thomas. We are required to comply with accessibility access for our consumers which, as you know, will be costly.

On our St Croix, our offices and training facility we need a permanent location that is along the VITRAN bus route. As you can see, there are many changes needed to help continue to train our disabled community to live independent lives safely. We need your help to accomplish these goals and your donation will help the community of disabled persons learn life skills for more independent living. We humbly ask, in this season of Giving, that you give to our cause: St. Thomas is \$300,000 and St. Croix is \$400,00.

Thank you for your generosity. We greatly appreciate all the financial assistance you will provide. Please feel free to contact me at 340-777-4978 or email me, mbute@independentlivingvi.org. Looking forward to hearing from you real soon. Happy Holidays!

Monique Bute/Executive Director