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PRESS INVITATION

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Toy Drive & Show Brings Christmas to Queen Louise Home for Children

ST.CROIX – The press is invited to Queen Louise Home at 71 Estate Concordia on Tuesday, December 20 at 12:00 p.m. for the presentation of toys and gifts collected at the second annual VI Toy Drive.

On Saturday, December 17, the family-friendly event brought community members together to celebrate the holiday season with toys and gifts for the children at Queen Louise Home. From 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Sunshine Mall, local artists and The Big Phat Morning Show personality DJ Slik performed for attendees and shoppers as to bring awareness to the cause and support the newly formed VI Arts and Media Foundation. The organization strives to bring awareness to at-risk children in the Virgin Islands while highlighting talented artists in the community. For more information email vitoysdrive@gmail.com or contact 340-277-0895.

With Queen Louise Home almost at full capacity this holiday season, Director, Dana Holtz, emphasizes gifts not under the Christmas tree make a huge difference as well. “We sincerely hope this event will continue to bring awareness that caring for children is much more than Christmas toys. So many community members are giving school supplies, toiletries and other much needed items for the children and it has been so helpful in making sure we can give them both the best Christmas and the best quality of living.”

Queen Louise Home for Children is a safe haven and 24-hour residential foster care program for children in the Virgin Islands who have been abused, abandoned, or neglected, and/or have severe disabilities. The program provides temporary placement in a family setting where children receive unconditional love and support, as well as tutoring, recreational activities, guidance in overall skill development and access to medical support. Established on St. Croix in 1904, Queen Louise Home is a program of Lutheran Social Services of the Virgin Islands (LSSVI) – the largest private, nonprofit social services agency in the US Virgin Islands. For more information or to donate to Queen Louise Home for Children or other LSSVI programs, please visit www.lssvi.org.

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