

News & Updates



St. Croix Long Term Recovery Group

The St. Croix Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) is a cooperative body that is made up of representatives from faith-based, non-profit, government, business and other organizations working within St. Croix to assist individuals and families as they recover from Hurricane Maria. The goal of the LTRG is to match recovery resources with community needs in order to ensure that even the most vulnerable in the community recover from the disaster.

Next LTRG Meeting is TODAY at 6:00pm

We will meet at the St. Croix Christian Church

This will be our first full meeting in 2019! Our focus at this meeting will be on planning our Membership Drive (postponed from the original Jan. 20th date). Our hope is that you will bring your ideas on what this event can look like, those we should invite, and any other thoughts you have to energize our community around the work of the LTRG.

If you cannot attend in person but still want to be a part of the conversation, please contact Jay Rollins at edrn@stxltrg.org to discuss call-in options.

Please Promote the Hotline

The LTRG has a dedicated HOTLINE for beneficiaries to use to get connected with Disaster Case Managers. Please share this flyer (in English and Spanish) broadly within your community. We don't want ANYONE to fall through the cracks!

[ENGLISH FLYER](#)

[SPANISH FLYER](#)



HOTLINE

DISASTER CAUSED UNMET NEED

IF YOU ARE A HURRICANE IRMA/MARIA DISASTER SURVIVOR STILL IN NEED OF INFORMATION, ASSISTANCE OR A DISASTER RECOVERY PLAN PLEASE CONTACT THE DISASTER CASE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE LONG TERM RECOVERY GROUP AT THE NUMBER BELOW:

(340) 473 - 5305

"The mission of the STX LTRG is to help our members independently provide community services on a daily basis, as well as to provide effective relief and recovery services to people affected by disaster on the island of St. Croix, USVI."

Volunteers Needed for the Point in Time Count!

Island Therapy Solutions Offers Training (Attend either day)

The Point in Time count is held every two years in every state and U.S. territory. The count is held on January 25th, and the data is used to streamline monies and services for the homeless population. Unfortunately, our counts have not been accurate due to low numbers of volunteers. As we know, homelessness affects all of us, in every walk of life. In addition, the number's collected could be of use for FEMA in regards to data collection on housing sustainability and the structural integrity of existing buildings. Our intent is to canvas all neighborhoods to make an assessment of those living in sub-standard housing as well – many individuals do not realize that due to their living conditions, they also fall under a category of homelessness.



WE NEED YOU!!!

US VIRGIN ISLANDS CONTINUUM OF CARE POINT-IN-TIME SURVEY

The Virgin Islands Continuum of Care (CoC) 2019 Homeless Point-In-Time (PIT) survey is fast approaching and we need your help!

WHAT? Each year, in collaboration with the VI Community Based Organizations, the Islands conduct a one-day survey of sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals and families as part of a national effort to end homelessness.

WHEN? Friday, January 25, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. through Saturday, January 26th until noon.

WHY? The PIT Count provides a snapshot which helps the VI Continuum of Care system to do many things, including: 1. Identify and immediately assist homeless residents found living on the street during the day of the count; 2. Effectively plan and make necessary adjustments to the homeless system of care based on the ever-changing needs of the homeless; 3. Meet federal requirements for continued funding, and 4. Prioritize new services based on the quantitative and qualitative data collected.

HOW CAN I HELP?

1. LET US KNOW IF THERE ARE AREAS IN YOUR COMMUNITY WHERE HOMELESS GATHER WHO NEED OUR HELP!
 2. VOLUNTEER AS AN ENUMERATOR ON THE DAY OF THE COUNT! Volunteer orientations will be provided during the month of January. PLEASE CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION!
- DONATE ITEMS WE CAN DISTRIBUTE!** Hygiene products, non-perishable food items, and bottled water.
2. For more information, please contact:
St. Croix – Scott Hensley @ Frederiksted Health Center (340)772-0260 ext. 3250 shensley@fhc-inc.net
*For more information regarding STT and STI, please contact Methodist Training & Outreach Center at 340.714.7782, 340.713.0555 or via email at lpetersen@mtoc.vi or Catholic Charities at 340.777.8518, 340.773.0132 or ccusvi@outlook.com; St. John Community Foundation at 340.693.9410 or sjcf.org@gmail.com.

Volunteer Orientation Schedule

January 16th from 5-7
January 19th from 9-11 and 12-2
January 23rd from 5- 7
January 24th from 12-2

Orientations will be held in the upstairs conference room at Frederiksted Health Care's Ingeborg Nesbitt Clinic in Frederiksted.

Download the flyer [here](#).

For more information contact Scott Hensley at SHensley@fhc-inc.net.

Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes

The prize is currently accepting applications

Deadline: April 15, 2019

The [Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes](#) celebrates inspiring, public-spirited young people from diverse backgrounds all across North America.

Established in 2001 by author T.A. Barron, the Barron Prize honors outstanding young leaders the ages of 8 and 18 who have had a significant positive impact on people, their communities, and the environment. Each year, up to twenty winners each receive \$10,000 to support their service work or higher education. Since its inception, the Barron Prize has awarded more than half a million dollars to hundreds of young leaders and has won the support of the National Geographic Education Foundation, Girl Scouts of the USA, and the National Youth Leadership Council, among other organizations.

The Barron Prize welcomes applications from public-spirited young people who are between the ages of 8 and 18; a permanent resident of and currently residing in the United States or Canada; currently working on an inspiring service project or have done so within the past twelve months; and working as an individual. The Barron Prize does not accept applications from large groups of young people.

For complete program guidelines and application instructions, see the Barron Prize website. <https://barronprize.org/apply/>

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Committee Meetings:

Wellness Committee: Jan. 22, 1:30 pm. Contact Lori Edwards at ledwards@myfastmail.com

Unmet Needs Committee: Jan. 23, 5:30 pm. Contact Cheryl O'Reilly at caoscorpion@hotmail.com

Youth Committee: Jan. 24th, 5:30 pm. Contact Xawntoia Franklin at xawntoia@hotmail.com

Disaster Case Management: Jan. 25th, 1:00 pm. Contact Karen Hunt at khunt@vipistx.org

If your committee is not listed, please check with your committee chair.

LTRG Membership Drive

The Executive Committee has voted to postpone this event to late February or early March. Please come to the next LTRG meeting on Jan. 17th to help us brainstorm!