

## Jeffrey Epstein: Philanthropic Efforts

Money manager and philanthropist **Jeffrey Epstein** has provided significant support for a wide range of projects for over a decade. While Epstein's initial focus was on scientific research projects and scientific educational programs, he has since expanded his focus to humanitarian efforts of all kinds. Today, Epstein's Foundation, the Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation, provides support to several organizations that are working for the greater good.

### *The Humane Society*

One project Epstein recently provided support to was ~~to build~~ a new campus for the Humane Society of St. Thomas, on the US Virgin Islands. The Humane Society is an international organization that fights against the abuse and neglect of pets and animals. The Society was first founded on St. Thomas ~~back~~ in 1957.

The Humane Society's new campus is a state-of-the-art, 15,000 square foot facility that sits on 4.7 acres of land. The land was donated by Lockhart Realty to the non-profit organization. The new facility offers kenneling and an interactive experience for animals who stay there. The campus features walking trails and outdoor parks. An education center is another critical part of the new campus. The education center will provide classes and pet training for new pet owners.

One of The goal of the Humane Society's goals spae is to increase adoption rates. It also hopes to raise awareness in the community of the plight of abandoned or mistreated pets. The Humane Society hopes that its stronger presence can help reverse some sobering statistics about animals. The Society has had to euthanize a high percentage of around 75 percent of animals that come through its doors because it has not been able to find people to adopt them and because the number of stray animals in St. Thomas alone is incredibly high.

Epstein also provides support to the largest Catholic charitable organization on the Virgin Islands, the Catholic Charities of the US Virgin Islands. CCVI has been providing shelter, food and clothing to the homeless and needy since the mid-1960s. In 2011 alone, the organization provided 44,000 hot meals and fed over 200 people each day. In addition to providing shelter to the homeless, the charity also provides life skills training to help people improve their lives.

Another area that Catholic Charities focuses on is youth education, notes **Jeffrey Epstein**. The organization provides both academic learning opportunities and sports camps for disadvantaged children. The **Jeffrey Epstein VI** Foundation has provided support to organizations across the US Virgin Islands and is happy to support CCVI.