

Jeffrey Epstein, Financier, Backs the Largest Catholic Organization in the US Virgin Islands.

The Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation has just donated critical funds to the Catholic Charities of the US Virgin Islands. The Catholic Charities of the USVI is the largest catholic organization in the USVI and it provides vital and uniquely effective support for the poor throughout the USVI.

For more than 46 years, the Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands (CCVI) has been feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless and clothing the needy. CCVI offers a wide spectrum of services to struggling families and individuals; including the homeless, mentally ill, the substance abuser and homebound elderly. For such a small organization, CCVI also provides an impressive volume of support. Just last year, they assisted more than 700 people, served more than 44,000 hot meals and fed more than 200 people daily.

What make CCVI unique however is its wide outreach program and successful focus on rehabilitation into the community. CCVI's programs include: Bethlehem House, Soup Kitchen, Street Mobile Outreach, PATH, HAPICAT, Camp Shriver, Kids Learn and Emergency Help. Bethlehem House for example, is a homeless shelter on St. Thomas and on St. Croix, offering approximately 40 beds each and hot meals to residents. However, the shelter also offers an education facility to help residents with life skills, seek employment, save earnings and re-establish their independence. When residents are ready to move into their own residence, the shelter assists with household items and donated furniture.

Like many Catholic organizations, CCVI also has a strong focus on youth education. Kids Learn and Camp Shriver both offer intensive multi-week learning and sports camps to underprivileged children and continue to stay involved in the children's lives, mentoring them through school and challenges they might face.

The Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation was founded by science philanthropist and education activist, Jeffrey Epstein in 2000. Jeffrey Epstein is a resident of St. Thomas in the USVI. In addition to science research, his foundation actively supports education and youth initiatives across the US Virgin Islands. Jeffrey Epstein is a former member of the Council of Foreign Relations, the NY Academy of Science, The Trilateral Commission and a former board member of Rockefeller University.

“We are honored to support the CCVI,” Jeffrey Epstein noted. “They are one of the most effective organizations in the Caribbean eradicating poverty today.”