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May 22, 2015 Project Promise a non-profit organization has officially been granted 501(c)(3) tax exempt status with the IRS. Being recognized as a 501(c)(3) non-profit allows Project Promise to apply for more funding opportunities to support their vital mission for at-risk youth. This new status will make contributions from individuals and corporate donors fully tax deductible.

"The Board is extremely excited about reaching this important milestone which brings us closer to fulfilling our mission. We remain absolutely committed to giving at-risk youth on St. Croix the tools and support they need to live healthier, happier lives", said Project Promise Board President Resa O'Reilly.

To date, Project Promise has conducted a Community Needs Assessment Survey; partnered with the National Park Service to offer the 6th Grade Salt River Bay "Ticket to Ride" cultural awareness program; acquired the building which will serve as its headquarters; and implemented an after school art initiative at the Alfredo Andrews Elementary School. Clean up efforts at the building site began two weeks ago in preparation for demolition, and reconstruction.

Project Promise is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of at-risk youth on St. Croix by providing empowerment initiatives, cultural programs, and family services. To learn more about the organization, please visit the website at www.projectpromisevi.com.

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