



Thank you for your dedication to this important cause and for being a part of our mission to promote literacy and education in the United States Virgin Islands. Your support is truly valued and appreciated. One of the programs the Museum Inclusion Fund supports is the Virgin Islands Children's Museum (VICM) Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Program.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) is a book gifting program that mails free, high-quality books to children from birth to age five, regardless of their family's income. Founded by country music icon Dolly Parton, the program aims to foster a love for reading and improve literacy skills in young children. By providing age-appropriate books directly to children's homes, we encourage parents and caregivers to read with their children, promoting early childhood literacy and preparing children for success in school and beyond.

Each affiliate of DPIL pays for the books, which cost approximately \$2.60 per book for 60 months (birth to age 5) for an estimated \$156 per child. The VICM is the local affiliate in the USVI where there are currently 885 children registered (583 in St. Croix, 29 in St. John, and 273 in St. Thomas), and 1,428 children have graduated from the program since it was established in 2017. The distribution of 61,385 books in the USVI via the VICM-DPIL program is a testament to the positive influence this initiative has had on the community. These numbers represent real children who now have access to high-quality, age-appropriate books that can ignite their imaginations and foster a love for reading.



While the Imagination Library negotiates wholesale pricing for the books, the local affiliates such as the VICM are responsible for securing funds to cover that cost. We want to express our sincere appreciation for your support of the ongoing Museum Inclusion Fund Global Giving Campaign #65995 which supports the VICM's Imagination Library Program. Your continued contributions are vital in ensuring that children in the USVI have the resources they need to thrive and succeed. Together, we can make a lasting impact on the lives of children in our community.

Sincerely,

The VICM Team

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