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EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

"Contributing today for a better tomorrow"

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1-855-VI SERVICES FIRST FRIDAY BUSINESS EXPO AND FUND RAISER TO BENEFIT GERS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

GERS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE UPCOMING FIRST FRIDAY BUSINESS EXPO AND FUND RAISER HOSTED BY 1-855-VI SERVICES, A LOCAL ONLINE BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

THE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS WILL BE THE RECIPIENT OF THE FUNDS RAISED AT THE JULY 5^{TH} BUSINESS EXPO. GERS AWARDS UP TO 3, FOUR-YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS THAT ARE DEPENDENTS OF A CONTRIBUTING MEMBER OF THE SYSTEM.

AS PART OF OUR MEMBER AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS, GERS HAS BEEN A PARTICIPANT IN THE BUSINESS EXPO SINCE DECEMBER 2012. "IT HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION AND WE ARE EXTREMELY DELIGHTED TO BE THE RECIPIENT OF THE FUNDS RAISED AT THE JULY EXPO. PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE BUSINESS EXPO FUNDRAISER HAVE BEEN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS MONTESSORI SCHOOL AND PETER GRUBER INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY, THE ALL SAINTS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL, THE SMITH BAY ACTION COMMITTEE AND THE AMERICAN RED CROSS TO NAME A FEW," SAID GERS ADMINSTRATOR, AUSTIN L. NIBBS.

THE EXPO WHICH TAKES PLACE ON JULY 5^{TH} WILL BE HOSTED AT THE DELLY DECK RESTAURANT IN HAVENSIGHT MALL, 5:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. MILO'S KINGS AND DJ SNOW WILL PROVIDE MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT AS WELL AS THERE WILL BE A SNEAK PEEK FASHION SHOW BY IQ PRODUCTIONS AND A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY FLIGHTS OF FIRE.

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GERS MEMBERS AND THE COMMUNITY ARE INVITED TO COME OUT TO SUPPORT THIS WORTHY CAUSE BY PARTAKING IN THE EXPO AND PURCHASING A RAFFLE TICKET. TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE EVENT FOR \$2.00 OR \$20.00 FOR A BOOK OF TEN. THERE WILL BE LOTS OF FABULOUS PRIZES DONATED BY LOCAL BUSINESSES.

RAFFLE TICKETS WILL ALSO BE SOLD AT LOCATIONS SUCH AS COST-U-LESS, PRICESMART, AND TUTU PARK MALL ON SATURDAY, JUNE 22 AND 29 AND ALSO AT THE DELLY DECK RESTAURANT BEGINNING FRIDAY, JUNE 21ST.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT <u>WWW.USVIGERS.COM</u>.

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