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UVI CELEBRATES REDEDICATION OF FREDERIKSTED RESOURCE CENTER

St. Thomas, VI – The University of the Virgin Islands celebrated the completion and rededication of the newly expanded Frederiksted Resource Center (FRC) on Thursday, November 15, 2012.

Originally constructed in 2007 as a result of the combined efforts of the University of the Virgin Islands – Community Engagement and Lifelong Learning (UVICELL) Center, Our Town Frederiksted (OTF) and a number of strategic community partners, the project sought to assist in the revitalization of the historic town and expand the role of the University into the community.

The Rededication Ceremony on Thursday celebrated the completion of Phase II of the project which will expand the services offered to the surrounding community. Phase II of the project was made possible by a $794,220 grant from the Housing and Urban Development Authority (HUD).
“We are extremely excited about the completion of this project as it will open up so many more possibilities for the town of Frederiksted.” said UVICELL Director, Ilene Garner. “As a result of the expansion, we can better support entrepreneurial activity, job services and provide training in high-demand and emerging occupations to the historic town.”

The construction project added 1600 square feet of space to the existing structure, will provide more access for the physically challenged and offers enhanced services to the community. Through its partnership with the VI Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and the VI Department of Labor (VIDOL), the FRC will serve as an incubator for existing and emerging microenterprises; create an Access Point to extend the services of the Department of Labor in the town of Frederiksted and create an infrastructure to deliver programs to enhance the basic skills of residents across the territory.

For more information on the Frederiksted Resource Center, contact the UVICELL Center at 693-1100.

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