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KIDS FIRST! PROVIDES \$20,000 OF GRANTS TO ST. JOHN MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Kids First! a VI based non-profit which supports education on St. John announced two grants totaling \$20,000 to the St. John Montessori School in Johns Folly. The first grant of \$15,000 will provide financial aid to offset tuition costs for needs based students. The second grant will support the school's fundraising by matching any gift on a one to one basis, up to a maximum of \$5000.

Commenting on the gift, Kids First! President Bruce Claflin said "The St. John Montessori School provides a quality early learning experience for St. John children, particularly those who live in Coral Bay or the East End. Their enrollment has expanded every year due in large part to the quality of the educational experience children receive. Our vision is that no child is denied the opportunity to attend a quality pre-school due to cost. This \$20,000 grant, along with others made on St. John, will go a long way toward achieving that goal.

Upon receiving this grant, Debra Polucci, who is the founder of the St. John Montessori School said "We are thrilled to receive this grant, the second major gift made by Kids First! to our school. It will allow more children to attend than would be the case otherwise and will support community involvement through their matching gift grant".

About Kids First!—Kids First! is a VI based 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. Its mission is to support a quality learning experience for all the children of St. John in a safe and nurturing environment. To learn more about Kids First! go to www.kidsfirststj.org

About St. John Montessori School--Located in the Johns Folly Learning Institute, the St. John Montessori School is a fully accredited AMI (Association Montessori International) School, providing a quality, pre-school education to support the physical, emotional, and intellectual development of our children. To learn more about the St. John Montessori School please contact Ms. Debra Polucci at 340 774-9594 or debrapolucci@yahoo.com