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## HAITIAN BENEFIT CONCERT AT YACHT HAVEN GRANDE ST THOMAS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS

### Event Raises Over \$37,000 For Red Cross Haitian Earthquake Relief

ST. THOMAS, USVI (January 26, 2010): On Saturday, January 23, **Yacht Haven Grande**, the Caribbean's premier marina, shopping and nautical lifestyle destination, hosted a special concert event to benefit the victims of the tragic earthquake in Haiti. With over 2,000 people in attendance, including Senate President Louis Patrick Hill and Congressional Delegate Donna Christenson, the fundraiser collected \$37,011.42 for the relief efforts of the **American Red Cross**.

"It was a truly wonderful and inspiring event for a cause close to all our hearts," said Kenny Jones, executive vice president, Marina Operations for Island Global Yachting (parent company of Yacht Haven Grande). "The entire Island of St. Thomas came together to join with us at Yacht Haven Grande to support our Caribbean brothers in need, and we are so proud to make this donation to the American Red Cross to aid the victims of the earthquake in Haiti."

There was tremendous community support for the fundraiser and donations not only came from the concert attendees, but various local partners as well, including: Fat Turtle restaurant; Wicked restaurant; Karll Foster; the USVI Hotel & Tourism Association (raffle support); the staff and owners of Bolongo Bay Beach Resort; Dick & Joyce Doumeng; Wyndham Sugar Bay Resort; Bellows International, West Indies Corp, and Leeward Island Management (product donations, volunteers, and satellite bar set-up); Artist Caroll Sirhakis (donating 100% of that day's sales from her private collection); Mango Tango (donating a percentage of all Haitian Art sold that day); Hubbly Bubbly Hookah Bar; ISW Studios; and the staff and owners of Yacht Haven Grande. In addition, M/Y Princess Mariana, berthed at Yacht Haven Grande, held a crew party and collected donations for the benefit.

The concert featured live music by *Web from the Buzz*, *Barefoot Davis*, the *Becca Darling Band*, *Down the Line*, and the *Ahwee Band* – who all donated their performances. As well, Dr. Julia Gardner performed an original song that she wrote entitled "Hope for Haiti." Dr. Gardner was one of the first physicians to arrive in Haiti with medical supplies and performed many emergency life-saving surgeries.

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Yacht Haven Grande is the premier marina lifestyle destination in the Caribbean. Nestled alongside the scenic Charlotte Amalie Harbor on St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, between the cruise port and downtown, the complex is part of a \$160 million development that includes one the world's top megayacht destinations. Yacht Haven Grande encompasses a 48-slip megayacht marina complemented by a 120,000 square foot duty-free retail village featuring exciting dining and entertainment options, as well as leading designer and luxury boutiques. The facility is also highlighted with complete office and business space, recreational amenities and seaside residences. For more information on Yacht Haven Grande, its real estate, business, and/or retail space, please call (340) 774-9500 or visit [www.yachthavengrande.com](http://www.yachthavengrande.com).

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