



## **HELP FOR CHILDREN ANNOUNCES CALL FOR PROPOSALS IN THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS**

### ***In Response to Recovery and Relief Efforts Following the Devastation of the 2017 Hurricane Season, HFC Offers Support***

**New York, NY, May 16, 2018** – Help For Children (HFC) today announced a call for proposals from charities, not-for-profits and child-serving agencies in the British Virgin Islands to apply for funding for programs and initiatives related to child protection, safe-guarding, well-being and child abuse prevention and treatment as the community continues to recover and rebuild from the recent hurricanes.

Established by members of the alternative investment community in 2017, HFC|BVI is one of 13 Help For Children locations working to protect and heal children around the world. Spearheading the growth of HFC|BVI are Harneys Phil Graham and Natalie Bell, who facilitated introducing HFC to the leaders of both the alternative investment and philanthropic communities in BVI.

“Hurricanes Irma and Maria had a devastating impact on the entire BVI community, leaving families particularly vulnerable and at an increased risk for child abuse.” said Phil Graham, Partner at Harneys and HFC|BVI Board Member. “HFC|BVI and the local alternative investment community recognize that these traumatic and stressful conditions exist and we look forward to identifying and funding organizations dedicated to helping make BVI a safer place for children.”

HFC|BVI is committed to supporting activities that strengthen and build community resources that keep children safe, enhance the well-being of children, and heal children who are suffering from trauma. Programs and initiatives may include counseling/therapy, child-care programs, mental health support, crisis intervention, school-based programs, after-school programs and more. In 2017, HFC joined the BVI Funders Group, a philanthropic consortium for the British Virgin Island founded by the Guana Fund/Jarecki Family, Unite BVI, and the McLain Association for Children (MAC) Foundation.

If you are interested in applying for a grant, please contact **Ari Davis, Grants Manager, by May 25** at [adavis@hfc.org](mailto:adavis@hfc.org) or at +1 (212) 991-9600 (extension 343) to discuss submitting a proposal application in 2018. Depending on the scope and objectives, grants will be made in the \$5,000-\$10,000 (USD) range.

#### **About Help For Children**

Help For Children (HFC), a not-for-profit established in 1998, is a global foundation dedicated to the prevention and treatment of child abuse through the support of the alternative investment community. As the alternative investment industry’s leading charity, the support of the hedge fund, private equity, venture capital, and real estate investment sectors has helped HFC fund since its inception more than \$51 million in grants to organizations in 13 cities across seven countries. HFC provides grants across four

major impact areas – decreasing risk, strengthening families, reducing trauma and building individual strengths – with the goal of making the world a safer place for children. For more information, visit [www.hfc.org](http://www.hfc.org).

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