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MEDIA ADVISORY: DHS ANNOUNCES GRAND OPENING AND RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONIES FOR THE NEW ANNA'S HOPE AND ESTATE CONCORDIA HEAD START FACILITIES ON ST. CROIX

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS - he U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Human Services (DHS) warmly invites members of the press, community stakeholders, and families to join state and federal officials for the official grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremonies of two state-of-the-art early childhood facilities: the **Anna's Hope Head Start Center** and the **Estate Concordia Head Start Center** on St. Croix.

These modernized centers represent a major milestone in strengthening early childhood education, family support, and resilient public infrastructure across the Territory.

WHO:

- **The Honorable Albert Bryan Jr.**, Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands
- **The Honorable Tregenza-Roach**, Lieutenant Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands
- **The Honorable Stacey E. Plaskett**, Delegate to Congress
- **Averil E. George**, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Human Services
- **Adrienne L. Williams-Octalien**, Director, V.I. Office of Disaster Recovery
- **Masikia Lewis**, Administrator, V.I. Head Start Program
- Project Contractors and Construction Management Partners

EVENT DETAILS

1. Anna's Hope Head Start Center Ribbon-Cutting

Date: Friday, August 28, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM AST

Location: Anna's Hope Head Start Facility, St. Croix, USVI

2. Estate Concordia Head Start Center Ribbon-Cutting

Date: Friday, August 28, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM AST

Location: Estate Concordia Head Start Facility, St. Croix, USVI

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