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Contract Signed for New Social Home in Virgin Gorda

The Ministry of Health and Social Development has signed a contract for the construction of a new social home for the Leonard family in Virgin Gorda as the Ministry continues to deliver on its commitment to providing safe and secure housing for vulnerable residents across the Virgin Islands.

Minister for Health and Social Development, Honourable Vincent O. Wheatley, described the project as one of the most meaningful social housing initiatives undertaken during his tenure, noting its significance to both the Leonard family and the wider Virgin Gorda community.

Honourable Wheatley said, "This has been a long-awaited project. It is one of the most important social homes I believe I will deliver during my tenure because of the history of this family. They are descendants of the late Oliver Leonard, a well-known entrepreneur and fisherman who was remembered for his generosity and his willingness to share with others. I am honoured to see this project become a reality and dedicate it to his memory and the contributions he made to the Virgin Gorda community."

Premier and Minister of Finance, Honourable Dr. Natalio D. Wheatley, commended the Ministry for its continued investment in social housing and praised Honourable Wheatley for his leadership in improving the lives of vulnerable residents.

The Premier said, "Our administration has worked hard to support the most vulnerable members of our society through stronger social protection policies, increased social benefits, and the construction and repair of social homes. I congratulate the Leonard family on this important milestone and commend Honourable Wheatley for his continued dedication to this programme. We remain committed to building a more sustainable Virgin Islands where those in need have access to safe and secure housing."

The construction contract was awarded to E & K Trucking and Construction Services Limited, represented by Mr. Enos Aaron, who expressed appreciation for the opportunity to once again partner with the Government on a social housing project.

Mr. Aaron said, “We are grateful to the Government and the Ministry of Health and Social Development for giving E & K another opportunity to build a social home. This project is larger than the social homes we have completed previously, but we are committed to delivering a quality home for the Leonard family. We appreciate the confidence placed in our company and look forward to another successful project.”

The social home forms part of the Government of the Virgin Islands' ongoing Social Housing Programme, which seeks to improve the quality of life for vulnerable individuals and families by providing safe, resilient, and dignified housing throughout the Territory.

The Ministry of Health and Social Development remains committed to improving the health and social well-being of the people of the Virgin Islands.

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