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## **BVITB ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS TO SUPPORT GOURMET GATHERING**

**Road Town, Tortola, February 2** – The British Virgin Islands Tourist Board is encouraging residents to take part in the Virgin Islands Search and Rescue's (VISAR), *Gourmet Gathering* this coming Friday, February 5.

The non-profit organisation's Patron, His Excellency David and Mrs Pearey, will host the event. The gathering will feature tastings of signature dishes from several top chefs from around the BVI. Guests will have the opportunity to sample food and drinks from different stations and speak with the Territory's chefs, all while enjoying festive music.

"The Gourmet Gathering is an opportunity for residents to taste and see why so many travellers enjoy restaurants around the BVI." said Acting Director of the BVI Tourist Board, Hadassah Ward. "Many of our islands top chefs will be presenting a variety of dishes all for a good cause. This is a great way for our community to support VISAR, an organisation that continues to provide a great service to the BVI."

Executive Officer with VISAR, Rebecca Clarke explained how the event came to being. "The Governors Reception has been going on for many years as the Governor of the BVI is the Patron of VISAR. The Gourmet Gathering we started last year in an attempt to liven up the reception and it worked out very well."

Apart from tasting great food, guests will also have the chance to win prizes. Clarke said, "We will also be holding a silent auction. One of the prizes is a dinner for six at H. Lavity Stoutt Community College at which the student chefs produce and serve a five course meal with wine." A door prize will also be awarded to a lucky guest.

The event starts at 6 p.m. and tickets are \$50 per person. Attendants are asked to dress elegantly and be prepared for an evening of great food, wine and good company. This event supports VISAR's fund raising efforts as it seeks to continuously provide invaluable life saving services to residents and visitors of the Territory. To reserve tickets, please contact Rebecca Clarke at telephone (284) 494 4357 or email [visar@surbvi.com](mailto:visar@surbvi.com).

Virgin Islands Search and Rescue (VISAR) is a voluntary organisation dedicated to saving life at sea. It is the officially recognised search and rescue service in the British Virgin Islands, where it provides 24-hour cover every day of the year in close co-operation with the Royal Virgin Islands police, fire and ambulance services.

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The Islands top Chefs showcasing their best dishes for your tasting pleasure.  
We will be holding a Silent Auction.  
Join us for fine food, great company and a celebration of the  
Pearey Family's time in the BVI



His Excellency the Governor David & Mrs. Pearey,  
the esteemed Patron of Virgin Islands Search & Rescue  
*requests the honour of your company at the*  
GOVERNOR'S GOURMET GATHERING

*At Government House*  
Friday 5th February, 2010 at 6:00pm

Dress: Elegant

Tickets: \$50  
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**Note to Editors:**

Please find attached a copy of the event's flyer.