

My Brother's Workshop

Tools That Build Hope

My Brother's Workshop is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing hope and faith for at-risk and high-risk youth in the US Virgin Islands, ages 16-24. Our holistic approach has helped hundreds of young people to choose a better path, to further their education, and to ultimately change their lives.

Founded in 2007, MBW seeks to end youth crime and violence in the place most people call "paradise". Our youth are facing many challenges in our territory from poverty, to shortage of opportunities, and lack of resources and education. MBW receives referrals from over 40 different groups and agencies including Juvenile Justice, Department of Labor, Department of Human Services, and our local public schools.

While at MBW, our teams work with each trainee to help him/her succeed and choose a new and better path. Once a trainee graduates, our team continues to monitor the progress of the students. At MBW, you are more than a trainee; you are family!

US Virgin Islands | MBW is a non-profit organization changing lives, one person at a time.

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About Us

My Brother's Workshop, founded in 2007, provides hope and faith and purpose to at-risk and high-risk youth ages 16-24. MBW started with just four trainees and has since grown to serve 150 annually. With our holistic approach which includes multiple vocational training facilities, an alternative school and a deep mental health component, MBW seeks to end youth crime and violence in the USVI.

MBW Training & Programs

Each youth will be individually assessed and provided an unique roadmap to his/or her success.

- Workshops- Our original vocational training program has grown to offer construction, carpentry, woodworking, plumbing, and electrical. Our workshop locations include St Thomas and St Croix.
- Cafe and Bakery- This facility offers opportunities in culinary arts and customer service training.
- Education- Our new alternative school offers online high school and college level courses with an accredited diploma, along with life skills courses.
- Engineering R&D- This program is one of our newer additions allowing trainees to learn about programming, manufacturing, research, and development.
- Marine- The marine industry plays an important role in the economy of the Virgin Islands. Therefore, MBW has created a marine program that will focus on boat and diesel engine repair and maintenance.

Leaders in Vocational Training, AND so much more....

We are well known for our vocational training sites, that teach in trades for occupations that are in demand in the territory, but MBW goes beyond just that. The majority of youth accepted into our programs have experienced early childhood trauma, with some even having lost loved ones to violent deaths.

In response to these negative impacts, MBW employs licensed social workers who counsel each trainee and can help them find the necessary resources to further their development. Our trainers in the vocational facilities also become mentors that guide our youth in their personal journeys.

Additionally, we discovered that majority of our trainees have not received a high school diploma through traditional means. Trainees without a diploma are required to enroll in our online school, which offers accredited courses for high school. Along with this type of education, our alternative school teaches life skills courses and job coaching to prepare our students for life outside our training programs.

We cannot do this alone. Through support of donors, we are able to continue our work in our communities. Please join us today to make a difference in someone's life and to build a stronger USVI.

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Programs & Services

A non-profit organization committed to providing hope and purpose to at-risk and high-risk youth in the USVI, through mentoring, counseling, education, on-the-job training, and job placement. With a success rate of 70-80%, MBW has helped hundreds of young people realize their potential and change their lives.

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My Brother's Workshop, founded in 2007, began with training in construction. MBW has since expanded to now offer training in skills including carpentry, woodworking, plumbing, electrical and masonry in our workshop locations on St Thomas and St Croix. Many projects of our trainees' work can be viewed across the territory.

While looking to introduce more trainees to the MBW program and broaden the scope of training options, the MBW Cafe and Bakery was created in 2015. At this location, trainees learn culinary arts and customer service. Donors and supporters can come in enjoy our hot coffee, fresh baked goods, and homemade sandwiches and soups.

Many of our trainees entering our program have not received their high school diploma through traditional means. Recognizing the importance education, MBW opened an alternative online school that allows students to work at their own pace, while providing an accredited high school diploma upon completion.

Always interested in training in demand occupations, the marine industry is a must. MBW is proud to launch our newest program, MBW Marine, focused on repair and maintenance of boats and diesel engines. Students will learn the methods and skills to help keep our vessels sea worthy and will be given opportunities to see different career paths in the marine field.

MBW Engineering Research and Development is our training program that shows students CAD/CAM programming, metal working, laser engraving, and how our products will be packaged and marketed in our communities. Students will have hands on learning experiences as they create our classic and custom made products. All proceeds from these products and the products from our other training facilities go back into funding the program itself.

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$1.6M
Annual Budget

Average Cost per Trainee
$6,000

$2M-$5M Tax Dollars
Saved per Trainee
through Intervention





BREAKDOWN OF OUR FUNDING

20 %
Product Revenue

17%
Government Grants

48%
Private Donations

15%
Corporate/
Foundation Grants

My Brother's Workshop was founded in 2007 with four students and an annual budget of $10,000. MBW now sees over 150 students per year with a consistent annual budget of $1.6M.

Looking each year to help stabilize our model, we are increasing the number of products that can be sold from our facilities. Our donors and supporters can buy baked goods, coffees, sandwiches, picnic tables, benches, custom laser engraved mugs, seasonal goodies, and wooden toys and games, that make perfect gifts or additions to everyday life. But with these purchases, our customers are investing in the lives of our youth.

With all non-profits, grants and private donations play a huge role in our funding. We could not do all of our amazing work without the help of our community and partners who believe in MBW and our young people.

Please help us to help our youth realize a better path, further their training and education, and ultimately change their lives. To donate or purchase our products please visit our website mybrothersworkshop.org or stop by one of our training facilities.



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OUR PRODUCTS

Part of our funding to run our training programs is fueled by revenue that comes in through the sale of products, which are made by the youth as they are training. Pick from four great categories:

1. Toys & Games
2. Woodworking
3. Seasonal
4. Drinkware

CALL US TODAY & MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE!

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