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Ann Kelly, Founder and Executive Director of The Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting Project® which is a national project developed to decrease the incidence of school violence and increase healthy relationships based on respect and equality among students. It ingrains a non violent behavior into youths so that it will be carried forward into adulthood. At my invitation she will be on St Thomas during the second week of October, the National Bullying Prevention Month.

No doubt there are already existing programs for promoting this goal, BUT the **Purple Hands** pledge can add an additional level of awareness and support for choosing a violence-free way of life. We are inviting other schools and organizations to join the movement as **Purple Hands** partners.

Calvary Christian Academy agreed to pilot this project for the upcoming school year 2012-2013. VI Endocrinology sponsored the cost of travel and accommodations for Mrs. Kelly and donated the required kit curriculum and materials to implement this pilot project at Calvary Christian Academy – Bully Prevention Program.

On Thursday October 11th 2012, Hands and Words Assembly trainings will be implemented for staff, teachers, and students of Calvary Christian Academy all day at the school.

A SPECIAL PTSG meeting at 5:30pm in Chapel at Calvary Christian Academy. ALL invited.

On Friday October 12th at Sugar Bay Resort & Spa 10:00 -12:00pm. Youth Gang Violence Summit

On Friday October 12th at the Faith Alive Christian Academy 1:00 – 2:00pm. Ms. Lans, the principal, requested a special **Purple Hands** assembly to introduce the project to other private schools.

On Friday October 12th, from 6:00 - 9:00pm FREE to the public in the Fort Christian Parking Lot. Entertainment: Ivanna Eudora Kean School Band and Faith Alive Christian Academy Steel band. We are inviting dignitaries from local government, churches and law enforcement agencies to join students, local pastors and other community leaders.

Everyone will be invited to take the **Purple Hands** pledge: **“I will not use my hands or my words for hurting myself or others.”®** Spreading the message in our community that violence prevention and character building is vitally important.

Sincerely,

Judy A. Barzey MD FACE