



## Letter from the President...

This year has been another successful and productive year for **Friends of Islands Initiatives, Inc.** funding grants to promote better health care on Nevis! Already:

- Three new **Infusion Pumps** have been installed at Alexandra Hospital for bedside IV delivery of medications, fluids, and nutrients.
- A **Dental X-Ray Machine** has been received by the Health Ministry to perform dental checks on hundreds of schoolchildren.
- Our fund-raising efforts for **Theater Lights** for Alexandra Hospital's operating room and other medical needs have begun in earnest.



### But we didn't stop there!

In recognition of the harm caused by invasive species to small island communities, we are proud to sponsor an upcoming Lionfish Hunt on December 6, 2025. Read on for more information.

Now in our eighth year of operation, FOIII is really effecting significant change for Nevisian citizens. We are especially proud that, thanks to our all-volunteer Board of Directors and extremely low administrative costs, more than 99% of all donations to our organization get funneled back out to the island.

May we ask each of you to  
**tell at least one friend**  
about us and our good work?

### Together, we can do more!

You can help share our positive impact by forwarding this newsletter to at least one friend who may not have heard about our good work.

On our end, we are also working to boost our name recognition with a slightly revised logo and a QR code to make it easier to donate to our fund-raising efforts.

We look forward to seeing our supporters on February 12, 2026 at our Donor Appreciation Party, where we will hear from Shelisa Martin-Clarke, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Health, Gender Affairs, and Social Empowerment about Nevis' greatest health care needs going forward.

In the meantime, we are thankful for your continued financial support so we can approve grants for future medical needs on Nevis. Use the QR code here, or [click here to donate!](#)



- Mark Pinney, FOIII President

## SAVE THE DATE

Donor Appreciation Party

**FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

Invitation to Follow

### Get Involved!

We are actively seeking new members to join our all-volunteer Board of Directors and take an active role in working to improve Nevis' health care, education, and community.

We appreciate all levels of interest and skills and would especially welcome new members with marketing, writing, and technical skills since more and more of our filings and community outreach are presented online.

We meet via Zoom 2-3 times a year to discuss grant possibilities and each have special areas of interest regarding FOIII and Nevis that we pursue in between meetings.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can get involved, please email Peggy Pinney, FOIII Secretary, at [info@islandsinitiatives.org](mailto:info@islandsinitiatives.org).



### Lionfish Hunt on December 6

On December 6 from 11 am to 3 pm, the Fourth Great Lionfish Hunt will take place at the Nevis Aquatic Sailing Center. It is sponsored by Friends of Islands Initiatives, Nevis Historical Conservation Society, and Blue Conscience, a St. Kitts nonprofit protecting the reefs and marine life.

Prizes will be awarded for most fish, largest fish in length, the largest fish in weight, the largest overall weighed catch, and the smallest fish. Prizes include hats, t-shirts, gloves, scissors, mesh underwater bags, spears, and two Lionfish containers for hunting.

This free, fun, and competitive event encourages sustainable fishing and the safe handling of lionfish. Live music and samples will be provided of grilled lionfish, lionfish soup and fritters, coconut lionfish, and ceviche.

If you know someone who would be interested in the good work we do, please forward this newsletter to them or encourage them to support our cause!