

Giving Back through “Books for Bookings”



It takes teamwork to build a better company. And likewise, it takes teamwork to build a better community. Our team (or should I say “teem”) at Teeming Vacation Rentals wanted an opportunity to give back to the surrounding communities of the amazing destinations we serve.

Personally, Jeff and I are extremely grateful for God’s many blessings to us and our small business. As we considered possible charitable causes, **we hit upon the idea of donating a dollar from each reservation Booking Fee to purchase children books for area hospitals.**

Not only do we love children (with four of our own we are particularly fond of ☺), we also love books ~ so this seemed an ideal cause. I freely confess to having a book fetish, considering books some of my greatest treasures. I am also passionate about giving them. You might say a choice book tied with a pretty bow is my (Gina) calling card. Books truly are the gift that keeps on giving.

Although confined to a hospital bed, a good book can allow a child to travel to different time and place. A good book can be like an old friend to a lonely child. Our “**Books for Bookings**” program was established as a way for our company, our reservationist, our homeowners and guests to support local hospital children’s wards. To launch our “**Books for Bookings**” program and in recognition of reaching 200 units under management, our family delivered **200 books** to **All Children’s Hospital** in St. Petersburg in December 2015. In June 2016, some of our staff delivered over \$2,200 worth of books to Florida Hospital for Children in Orlando.

Neil Gaiman surmised, “A book is a dream that you hold in your hand.” **Thank you for helping us help children at local hospitals through “Books for Bookings”.** With your patronage, all of us at TeemingVR look forward to placing many “dreams” in the hands of children.

“Booking it” and hope you will too,

Jeff and Gina

Owners of **Teeming Vacation Rentals**

Below is a thank you note from Child Life Administrative Specialist Nussi Afroz from Florida Hospital for Children.

Dear Jeff and Gina Paglialonga,

I want to thank you for such a generous donation of books for our patients at Florida Hospital for Children. I did have the opportunity to share a few of the books with patients and it was such a blessing! I'm not certain as to who enjoyed it more; the patients receiving or me being able to share! The team was truly excited as they went through the bin and chose specific books they would give out to their patients.

Something as simple as books can make all the difference in the stay of a patient and the view the patient has regarding the hospital environment. Books help brighten up the patient's day by giving them an opportunity to escape the hospital environment and explore their imagination. It is comforting and gives our patients hope and love!

Many thanks for sharing your gift and your heart with our patients. I pray that God will continue to bless each of you as you serve.

Blessings,

Nussi Afroz
Florida Hospital for Children
Child Life Administrative Specialist



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