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NISBET PLANTATION GUEST MAKES BIG IMPACT FOR LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN
Hotel program receives largest book donation to-date

NEVIS, West Indies — For more than 10 years, [Nisbet Plantation Beach Club](#) and its guests have been donating books and much-needed supplies to local Nevisian schools. On December 1, 2009, the hotel made its biggest book donation in the program's history all thanks to efforts of one guest.

Twenty cases of books, specifically geared for primary and middle school-aged children, were donated by Jan Owens and the faculty and students at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Dr. Owens, a business administration and marketing professor at Carthage College, organized the book drive for Nisbet Plantation's program after visiting the resort last year with her husband. The estimated value of the donation is \$10,000.

"When we heard of the program sponsored by Nisbet Plantation, I thought it would be an excellent opportunity for the students at Carthage College and the Center for Children's Literature to share the love of reading," says Jan Owens, PhD. "We hope that this donation encourages the children's enjoyment of reading and education, which are so important for a bright and rewarding future."

The campus-wide book drive was coordinated by Pi Sigma Epsilon, the student service organization for marketing and business-oriented majors. The Carthage College Center for Children's Literature also contributed substantially to the effort.

Jamie Holmes, General Manager of Nisbet Plantation, presented the book donation on behalf of the students and faculty of Carthage College to Sonita Daniel, Head of the Nevis Library System. A majority of the donated books will be given to the VOJN Primary School in Newcastle.

Through its [community program](#), Nisbet Plantation adopts local schools and fills the library shelves with books, provides computers and much more. Each year, Nisbet Plantation donates between 15 and 20 cases of books to the local schools. As a result of the program, the small resort has had a major impact on the lives of many Nevisian school children. Today, the school children are reading at a level two grades higher than they were when the program began in 1999.

Guests of Nisbet Plantation receive a note about the program upon departure. It provides a way for them to give back to the people of Nevis for their great vacation experience. The guests may either bring the supplies and new or gently used books with them to the resort, or send them domestically to a Fort Lauderdale, Florida address. Nisbet Plantation pays for the shipping costs to Nevis.

"Over the years, our guests have received a great deal of satisfaction from giving back to the Nevisian people who welcomed them like family on their vacation," says Jamie Holmes, General Manager of Nisbet Plantation. "The program provides an excellent opportunity for anyone to help make a difference."

With only 36 cottage-style accommodations, Nisbet Plantation has garnered widespread praise for its romantic atmosphere, beachfront location, personal service and warm Nevisian hospitality. In 2009, Nisbet Plantation earned three other [major awards](#) including the *Condé Nast Traveler* Gold List of "World's Best Places to Stay" and "Best in Service in the Caribbean," and Expedia[®] Insiders' Select.

For more information, visit www.NisbetPlantation.com.

About Nisbet Plantation

An intimate resort, Nisbet Plantation is the Caribbean's only resort plantation inn located directly on the beach. The 36 cottage-style accommodations set across 30 tropical acres on Nevis invite romance and privacy. Nisbet Plantation's atmosphere, high level of personal service and fine dining at the Great House, c. 1778, has made it [one of the world's best resorts](#) according to *Condé Nast Traveler*, Expedia[®] and TripAdvisor.com.

About Nevis

Located in the West Indies, the 36 square-mile Caribbean island of Nevis welcomes travelers with its charm and tranquility. Part of a two-island nation with St. Kitts, Nevis is hailed as one of the remaining unspoiled places on earth. The island's natural vegetation is unparalleled, from the 3,232-foot Nevis Peak to the depths of the clear waters offshore.

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