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PPR Raises \$13,969 for 3 Charities



Shannon Miller, Director of Client Sales & Service, shaving PPR CEO, Dwight Cooper's head

For years, PPR has supported a minimum of 3 designated charities and participated in walks and fundraising events to not only raise funds, but create awareness as well. This year, PPR took a different approach to fund raising for our designated charities (Autism Society of America, American Heart Association and American Cancer Society – Making Strides Against Breast Cancer) by holding a company wide Bowl-A-Thon on October 31, 2007.

Our goal was to raise \$6,500. PPR ended up beating that goal by raising \$13,969. Since we beat our goal, Dwight Cooper, CEO had his head shaved!



Annual Core Value Award Winners

PPR employees nominate their fellow employees who exhibit PPR's Core Values.

PPR Core Values:

1. Honesty, integrity and ethics in all aspects of business.
2. Continuous improvement - never satisfied.
3. Solutions and opportunities not problems and obstacles.
4. The willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty by providing world-class service under any circumstance.
5. Change is an essential component of our success.



2007 Core Value Winners:
Shannon Miller, Julie Haden and Liz Knapke
with CEO, Dwight Cooper.

Founder's Corner: PPR Launches Online Store



PPR is excited to roll out our new Online Store! The Online Store is accessed by visiting pprhealthcare.com and clicking the Visit Online Store link. The site is designed to provide simple access to PPR logo items and other merchandise thoughtfully selected to support the unique lifestyle and specialized clinical needs of our Travelers. Although all items are available for purchase using a credit card, throughout each assignment nurses and therapists may occasionally receive gift vouchers with promotional codes that can be entered to buy merchandise at the online store. Gift vouchers can be used individually or can be accumulated over multiple assignments to buy large items such as a digital camera or flat screen TV. So whether you are a first time Traveler or have been with PPR for many years, we encourage you to visit the PPR Healthcare Online Store...and start shopping



Dwight Cooper
CEO, PPR Healthcare Staffing

Cammy Holm - Client Account Manager

I really enjoy the task of building solid and reliable client relations. What is even better and more rewarding is placing a great nurses at a great facility in a region of the country that I am passionate about as I have first-hand knowledge and life experiences of my own there. It's extremely motivating when you have a team that is behind you literally cheering you on and providing unconditional support. This company has an awesome atmosphere that you can't help but be drawn to.

The experience that stands out for me is a husband/wife travel team I was introduced to that was looking for an assignment in the Seattle area, as they had close relatives there. The recruiter and I were having a hard time finding a facility that had two openings for the same need. I was able to contact a facility in the area that we had yet to establish a contract with and present them with these two excellent nurses. They were relieved that we could provide them with such experienced and dedicated nurses. We secured the new contract and have become their go-to agency for this particular RN specialty.



Cammy with her mom and dad

Favorites

Movie: *The Big Lebowski*
TV show: *Flight of the Concorde, The Office*
Music: *Bob Marley - Exodus 1977*

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travelers



○ **CHINA**
Chris Parks on vacation in China



○ **SEDONA, AZ**
Angela Walsh with husband, Dan, and their baby, Aidan



○ **LIBERTY BELL IN PHILADELPHIA**
Marc Rupp



○ **HILO, HI**
Marie Frantz getting married on assignment in Hawaii



○ **GRAND CANYON**
Susan Doolin and Fiancé, Andy



○ **YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK**
Lee-Anne Stouff and Andrew



○ **ROSWELL, NM**
Cheryl Russell



○ **DENVER, CO**
Rachelle Sauder and recruiter
Lindsay Longobardi

Matt Baum - Healthcare Recruiter

I love being an allied recruiter because I am helping individuals to attain goals. Helping my travelers reach their goals, be it financial, travel, career or just life-oriented, is a great experience. I enjoy the fact that I am not just a recruiter, but a friend and confidant to my travelers. I love to hear about the experiences they have all over the country, not to mention the perk of living the travel lifestyle vicariously through them. I think that travel therapy is an awesome career and when my travelers tell me how much fun and what a great time they are having out there, it is a very rewarding feeling. I am also a huge people-person and I love to come across so many varied types of people from so many different backgrounds. I am able to create lasting relationships with my travelers and that's not something you find in every career.

I had a great experience with an Occupational Therapist traveler of mine, who has named himself as "Johnny High Maintenance." He was traveling with another company after graduating from college and we had been in contact for the past year. He had spent most of his life in Ohio, but had the goal of getting out to San Diego on a travel assignment, which is not easy to do without a good amount of experience. He mentioned to me that he felt like he was fighting with his company each time he was looking for a new position. After some convincing, we were able to get him out to Fresno, CA, on a great paying position with one of our clients. Once his 13 week contract was done in Fresno, we were able to transfer him to a facility just outside San Diego with the same client. He now has a great apartment right on the beach and is looking forward to the upcoming summer months with great anticipation. It seems he is having a blast out there and I am ecstatic that I was able to help improve his travel career.



Matt and Don with Jessica Wesley, Matt's traveler. Jessica grew up north of Baltimore in the same area as Matt and is also a Baltimore Orioles fan (hence the hats). Don is a big Yankees fan, they thought it would be funny to wear their hats in the PPR office.



Matt fly fishing with his dad

Favorites

Movie: *Braveheart or The Goonies*
Book: *Treasure Island*
TV show: *LOST*
Food: *Chesapeake Bay Blue Crab*

Your next assignment...

Hawaii

Famous for the active Kilauea volcano, Hawaii's Big Island is home to a list of fascinating anomalies. Eleven different climate zones generate everything from lush rain forests to arid deserts, black sand beaches to snow-capped mountaintops. The Big Island is Hawaii's biggest playground. What can you do on Hawaii's Big Island?

- See molten lava flow at Kilauea volcano in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park
- Play in the snow atop Mauna Kea, the world's tallest mountain
- Hike through Waipio Valley, the "Valley of the Kings"
- Explore Puukohola Heiau, the largest restored ancient Hawaiian religious temple
- Enjoy the entertainment, culture and cuisine in Hilo and the Kona Coast

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PPR has created and implemented a new International English Language Testing Systems (IELTS) program. The IELTS exam is a requirement for foreign-educated healthcare professionals who intend to live and work in the United States. The exam measures the ability to communicate in English across all four language skills – listening, reading, writing and speaking.

The IELTS program concentrates on each section of the exam, with an emphasis in speaking. PPR representatives have done extensive research to find websites, articles and subjects that have been on the IELTS exam. Although we cannot duplicate an exact exam, because of confidentiality through the testing sites, we are confident our program covers all key aspects of the IELTS exam.

Jipsymol Joseph who was recently in our program and just passed the IELTS exam says, "I find that your IELTS program has helped me a lot in my overall performance. Before this program the IELTS was very difficult for me. The tips and website links have been very beneficial to all students. The speaking classes gave me a lot of confidence, too. I think this program will be helpful to all those who are preparing for IELTS."

There are three main goals with the IELTS program: to have the healthcare professional improve their communication skills; to have the healthcare professional better understand the English language; and, lastly and most importantly, to help them pass the IELTS exam successfully.

PPR representatives work hand-in-hand with the healthcare professionals to help them accomplish the passing score that is required. PPR does an initial consultation to determine a course outline specific for each healthcare professional. The healthcare professional will participate in different activities such as weekly phone conferences, reading and writing homework assignments and listening activities. The length of the program depends on the strengths and weaknesses of the healthcare professional. PPR is committed to working with each healthcare professional as long as it takes to make them feel comfortable prior to taking the IELTS.

Each healthcare professional receives individualized attention from PPR and a complete analysis on the progress they are making. Once the healthcare professional completes our IELTS program, PPR and the healthcare professional have an even stronger relationship than before.

PPR is proud to offer this program FREE to any of our healthcare professionals. Email international@pprhealthcare.com for more information.

IELTS Program Testimonial

Dear Madam,

Hope you are doing well. The English speaking training given by you over telephone was really a wonderful tool for me to achieve the required result in the IELTS exam. Thank you very much for that.

I was not much interested to join in this program, as I never thought it will make any substantial improvement in my English language. But in reality it contributed a lot not only in improving my speaking and listening skills but also in developing a self confidence. I am certain that PPR's newly introduced IELTS training program will help nurses trying to migrate to US. The most attractive thing in this program is the individual attention given by you on the speaking training which is really required, as many nurses from south India finding difficulty in clearing the IELTS speaking module (Band 7).

I strongly recommend nurses to make use of this free training program conducted by PPR.

*Thanks and warm regards,
Shiji Jomon*

Employee Spotlights



Amy Collotta Transition Specialist

I like to play darts, pool and take my dogs to the beach. I love to play cards with my friends on the weekends. Shopping, listening to music and hanging out with friends are also some of my favorite things to do.



Tammy Kelley Affiliate Coordinator

My interests are planning fun activities with my family, being involved with my church and going to University of Florida sports events. Go Gators!

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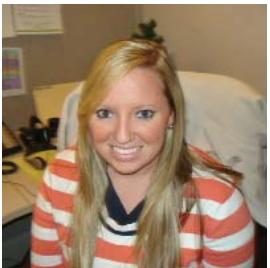
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AMY COLLOTTA
Transition Specialist



KRISTY EDDY
Healthcare Recruiter



KATIE KLEIN
Benefits Specialist



ROBBERT DIXON
Healthcare Recruiter



JENNIFER SCHIAZZA
Healthcare Recruiter



CAMMY HOLM
Client Account Manager



AIMEE LEBLANC
Healthcare Recruiter



DAPHNE THEOTOCATOS
Director- School Therapy



COREY MYERS
Healthcare Recruiter



EVAN DOYLE
Healthcare Recruiter

Your next assignment...

Boston

Boston, first incorporated as a town in 1630, and as a city in 1822, is one of America's oldest cities, with a rich economic and social history. What began as a homesteading community eventually evolved into a center for social and political change. Boston has since become the economic and cultural hub of New England.

As the region's hub, Boston is home to nearly 590,000 residents, many institutions of higher education, some of the world's finest inpatient hospitals, and numerous cultural and professional sports organizations. Boston-based jobs, primarily within the finance, health care, educational, and service areas, numbered nearly 660,000 in 2002. Millions of people visit Boston to take in its historic neighborhoods, attend cultural or sporting events, and conduct business.

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