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NOW is the best time to look for your Jan'09 assignment:



PPR is One Of The Best Companies to Work For In America...Five Years In A Row!



Terri Cohen, Dwight Cooper, Sue Messinger, SHRM and Ruth Stiehl.

Andy Manning Celebrating 10 Years With PPR



Andy Manning with Dwight Cooper, CEO.



Andy Manning receiving his 10th Anniversary Cup.

The Andy Manning story is one of unprecedented statistics, including over 1,200 Placements, more than 350 Travelers and so much more. Without Andy, PPR Healthcare Staffing would not exist as we know it today. He single handedly started PPR's Travel Nurse Division in 1998. His hard work, great attitude and winning spirit set PPR on a path to success that remains unmatched in our marketplace.

Founder's Corner: A Great Place to Work

This summer when PPR Healthcare Staffing was ranked #12 in the US on the list of the 50 Best Small & Medium Companies to Work for in America, a celebration was definitely warranted. Our family of employees and friends were notified of the honor, the award plaque was placed prominently in the office lobby and the home office employees celebrated the accomplishment with a company cookout and commemorative t-shirt (we often celebrate with food around here!).

Three important accomplishments should not get lost in this year's honor from the Society for Human Resource Management. There is the realization of staying power among the recipients of this award, as well as our resolve to maintain our core purpose, 'Creating Great Employment Experiences' and finally, our ability to hold dear to the culture that has led to five consecutive years of recognition.

Five consecutive years in the Top 25 puts us in a very small group of other companies who are consistently recognized for investing so much in their employees and business culture. This is not to say we haven't made mistakes or won't in the future, but PPR is defined, and we believe distinguished, by who we are and why we do what we do.

So this year, as we celebrate being recognized among the Best Companies to Work for in America, I want to dedicate the award to you. To the nurses and therapists who want to work for a great company. To the Housing Department who works hard to secure safe and comfortable homes for our Travelers. To the Recruiters and Client Account Managers who put in long hours to match professionals with great assignments. To the Support Staff whose contributions run the gambit from Human Resources to Accounting.

When PPR is being recognized for greatness, what is truly being recognized is YOU. Congratulations!



Dwight Cooper
CEO, PPR Healthcare Staffing

Core Value Award Winners



Rachael Reville, Michaela Patrick,
Lindsay Longobardi, Sally Anderson, Tammy Kelley,
Liz Cameron, Donnie Campbell, April Mitzel
(not pictured: Jennifer Waller)

PPR at the American Physical Therapy Association Convention in San Antonio, Texas.



Amber Crippen, Don Cantalupo
and Jennifer Waller

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Check out the PPR Traveler
Videos on our YouTube Channel:

You Tube



○ | **HILO, HAWAII**
Jill Beatty and her
husband John



○ | **LAKE TAHOE**
Maureen McGuire and her
new dog Bella



○ | **WAIMEA CANYON**
Traveler Nina Schaeve (right) with her
friend Julie



○ | **ARUBA**
Whitney Hayes

Christy Hill - Healthcare Recruiter

Soon after learning about the culture, the people, the core values and the purpose of PPR, I realized that this was a company in which I could believe. In my third year as a Healthcare Recruiter, I can honestly say my decision to join this team was a good one. I love the element of teamwork that exists in what we do at PPR. Every day I go to work knowing that the whole PPR family is working toward the same goal of providing our travelers with great employment experiences. I am able to enjoy "wins" on a daily basis by helping travelers realize their financial goals, as well as their dreams of domestic travel. I cherish the relationships that I have with my travelers—relationships built on trust, loyalty, respect and communication. Each time the phone rings, I am excited to answer and greet a friend.

The day I first spoke with a particular nurse who needed to relocate from Virginia to Portland for a year, she was in a bit of a panic. She had been working with other companies for several weeks to no avail, and they were not giving her the attention she felt her urgent search warranted. I had a few options that interested her, and so we went to work. This nurse is now happily entrenched in a great Portland facility. She loves her job, her apartment, and the whole Oregon experience. We came through for her when others couldn't, and we gave her all of the assurances and support she needed to make the big move. She knows that we are still there for her, and for all of these things, she loves PPR.

In short, nurses are remarkable people doing vitally important work all over this country, and I am proud of the small part I play in helping to make that happen.

Favorites

- Movie:** *"Legends of the Fall"*
Book: *Wuthering Heights*
TV show: *Weeds*
Music: Fleetwood Mac



Christy on right with PPR Traveler, Brenda Davidson-Morgan, RN and her husband, Don Morgan



RICHARD GROPPER
School Therapy
Client Account Manager



MIKE GILLESPIE
Healthcare Recruiter



BRIDGETT BOYAROVSKY
Healthcare Recruiter



MARK BOYD
Healthcare Recruiter

Your next assignment...

Kansas City, Missouri

The largest city in Missouri is known as the "Heart of America," It is located in the center of the nation and charms with its warm-hearted, small-town graciousness.

The great sights and sounds that are uniquely Kansas City make for an unforgettable experience. There is an excitement building in all corners of the city. From the recently renovated 18th & Vine Historic District to the sensational new Zoo, Kansas City is on the move.

Whether its swinging jazz, fantastic food, fascinating museums or some of the best shopping anywhere, all are a part of Kansas City's allure. Kansas City has many diverse attractions found in the metropolitan area - Spend 13 weeks in this world class city and discover them all.

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Recruiting SLPs from Argentina and beyond

Since 2001, the International Division of PPR Healthcare Staffing has done a fantastic job of recruiting foreign-educated nurses to work in the United States. To date, we have placed over 350 nurses in top rated hospitals throughout the country.

Because of the success that we have achieved in recruiting and placing nurses, we have decided to broaden our scope of foreign-educated healthcare professionals to include Physical and Occupational Therapists, as well as Speech Language Pathologists.

PPR has teamed up with an agent in Argentina to recruit bilingual Speech Language Pathologists (SLP) to work in US schools. We have partnered with an agent in Argentina who is working with local universities and professional SLP associations to find the right candidates for PPR.

Unlike filing green card applications for registered nurses, the H-1B application, which we are using to bring Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) to the United States, can only be filed on April 1, of each year. The candidates arrive in October of that same year. Our program also offers to sponsor the AHP's green card after they arrive in the U.S.

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Online Social Network:



We are very excited about sponsoring AHPs and even more excited to bring over our first group of physical therapists in October of this year. We are up to the challenge of not only learning something new, but also creating another industry leading program as we have done with our international nursing program. We look forward to a great 2008 and many successful years going forward.



Stani Veljaca- International Team Leader and Visa Specialist

My main role is to help facilitate the immigration process for our nurses and allied health professionals (AHPs). I get a chance to work with candidates and play a part in making their dreams of coming to the US true. I help them to understand that America is not a big scary place rather, it is full of opportunities for their spouses, their children and for them. I also work on many other elements within the International Division from training new employees, to working on budgets and strategizing new ideas. It is definitely always exciting in the International Division.

What I do is not "just a job". It can't be. Each day I put my heart and soul into the files I am working on. I know one mistake could ruin their chances of coming to America. I know that not just me, but the entire PPR International team, is proud of what we do. We don't just walk in at 9:00 AM and leave at 5:00 PM. We go home thinking about the life we helped change that day or what more we could do to make this the best experience for our nurses and AHPs. The best part is being able to talk to someone who is on the other side of the world and knowing I am helping

them. I really enjoy speaking with the travelers and getting the chance to know them on a more personal level. I feel like I have friends all over the world that care about me.

When I talk to health care professionals who are in the US and happy with their assignments, their new towns, their new friends, with their children excelling in school and their spouses securing good jobs, I am happy. We celebrate at PPR when we get news like this. I know PPR played a role in making that happen. I know I played a role in that, which feels good.

What I like to do: I love spending time with my two year old daughter, Nena. Every opportunity we have my husband and I are with her and doing what all little girls love to do: tea parties, Disney princesses, playing at the park, riding bikes and swimming. As you can imagine, this keeps me busy!



Stani Veljaca

Hayley Hamilton - Retention Specialist

I truly enjoy working as a retention specialist, because I have the opportunity to establish unique relationships with our current travel nurses. Working with the same nurses over a period of time allows me to gain a full understanding of their present and future goals and also to tailor my marketing efforts on their behalf.

I recently had the opportunity to work with a nurse looking for the perfect position in Arizona. We were trying to find her a position for a couple of weeks. On a Friday night I received a call at home from a facility in AZ ; they wanted to offer her a position and wanted her to start on Monday (in 2 days). Her recruiter, QM specialist and I were able to gather all documentation needed, set up her housing and have the nurse start on Monday. The facility was beside themselves that we could pull it all together in 2 days, not to mention over the weekend. PPR is a true team and it takes every one of us to make each placement happen.

Favorites

Movie: *Pistol Pete*

TV show: *Cash Cab*

Music: *Cher*



Hayley with her family

Your next assignment...

Tampa, Florida

The 'Must Do' list for the 1st time traveler to Tampa:

Tampa has a premier amusement park, Busch Gardens. Busch Gardens is an extra special treat to those who love animals and roller coasters. The park is built around a zoo so there are lots of animals to see. In fact, you can spend a day looking at the animals and gardens and not go on any rides.

Spend an afternoon in Ybor City. Ybor City is the area where Tampa's original ethnic inhabitants settled and is one of only three national historic districts in Florida.

The beach, Fort DeSota Park is a beach and natural area that the locals love. The park is huge and has a little bit for everyone. There are, of course, the beaches, then there are the bike and rollerblade trails, the fort itself, an area museum, nature trails, a 22-mile canoe trail and tons of boating and swimming activities.

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new faces



JAIME MUSA
Healthcare Recruiter



ANDREW FOSTER
Healthcare Recruiter



KEVIN DURKIN
Client Account Manager



ASHLEY MINICH
Healthcare Recruiter

Your next assignment...

San Antonio, TX

The 'Must Do' list for the 1st time traveler to San Antonio:



JAMI MICHAUD
Healthcare Recruiter



MICHAEL AVELINO
Healthcare Recruiter



PATRICK MICHAUD
Client Account Manager



ADAM KOVACS
Healthcare Recruiter

- Visit the Alamo, the historic mission in downtown San Antonio that is a focal point of Texas history
- Visit the San Antonio Zoo which is among the best in the nation. The zoo has first rate habitats, a great kids area and animal encounters where you can see and touch certain animals while learning more about them.
- Visit La Villita, a small historical collection of buildings that house artisans and interesting retail shops.
- Take a ride up the Tower of the Americas to get a scenic view of San Antonio.
- Visit the Mercado, a traditional Mexican shopping area including some of the best restaurants and galleries in town.
- Have late night breakfast at Mi Tierra (located in the Mercado).
- Wander the winding Riverwalk with its many restaurants and bars.
- Take a River Boat Tour.
- Listen to an Irish ditty at Dirty Nellie's (on the Riverwalk).
- Enjoy a martini and live jazz at Swig (on the Riverwalk).
- Visit the McNay Art Museum and the San Antonio Museum of Art.
- Wander through the Rivercenter Mall.
- Follow the Mission Trail and visit several of the historic missions located in town.
- Take a tour of the Buckhorn Hall of Horns.
- Take a stroll through the historic King William district to see lovely mansions.
- Seaworld and Fiesta Texas are available too.

To find other activities in San Antonio, please visit
<http://www.sanantoniocvb.com/visitors>



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