



*Very Nice!  
Good job all!*

September 28, 2009

Dear Paul,

On behalf of the staff at St. Vincent's HealthCare, please accept our heartfelt thanks for the wonderful retreat weekend at Westgate River Ranch September 10<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>. Due to some last minute cancellations, we were only able to send 11 families from St. Vincent's but 3 other families joined us from Broward Health. All 14 families had a wonderful, energizing retreat and they could not say enough good things about Deliver the Dream.

We have partnered with your organization for approximately 6 years and I've been involved in the send off of families and in welcoming them home. This was the first year I was actually able to volunteer and what a surprise! I have always heard from the families and staff how great the retreat was but words could not possibly express what really occurs.

The energy and enthusiasm of all the staff created a safe and comforting environment for these families who have been through so much. Rebecca Hahessy worked tirelessly with us to make sure we were educated on the process and that we all stayed up to date on the status of the families. She is organized and thorough! At the retreat, Sara Gordon, David Hall, Danielle Kehlmann, and Jamie Day gave over 100%! They were available to support all the volunteers but mostly they worked with the families to make sure they had a great retreat. All the staff members were professional and caring and we really appreciate all their efforts to make our families feel loved.

I was able to facilitate the group for the cancer survivors and I must tell you that as someone who has been involved in groups for many years, this was one of the best I've ever been involved with. The survivors gave of themselves by sharing their stories and gave strength and support to the others who needed it. All the participants told me during the weekend how empowering the group was for them.

The parents and the children all had a well-deserved break and we thank you for allowing them to have this opportunity. We are very happy to partner with Deliver the Dream and look forward to many more successful years.

Thank you again for all you and your staff do to support our families at St. Vincent's.

Sincerely,

*Cynthia Farah*

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