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**Bimini Big Game Club Resort & Marina's Good Will Program to Assist Young Girl to Obtain Corrective Eye Surgery**

**ALICE TOWN, BIMINI, THE BAHAMAS—MAY 22, 2015—** As part of its ongoing Community Goodwill program, management at the [Bimini Big Game Club Resort & Marina](#) is assisting a local high school student to travel to the U.S. for corrective eye surgery.

General Manager Dafna Ronis recently donated \$1,000 to Lisa Util, a 15-year-old for airfare to fly Lisa to the United States for the surgery procedure.

Tulsa, Oklahoma optometrist Tom Vanderpool and group of surgeons from the Triad Medical Center are donating testing, surgery and after-care. Vanderpool recently met Lisa on a trip to Bimini.

"She is a near sighted as anybody I've seen in 41 years of practicing optometry," said Vanderpool. "She would really benefit from eye surgery, which we can and will provide in Oklahoma, if we can get her there to do the surgery."

Vanderpool described the procedure, called Refractive Lensectomy, as complicated, but common in the U.S. The procedure, which involves removing the lenses from the patient's eyes and replacing them with new implanted lenses, typically cost around \$8,000.

The Bimini Big Game Club Resort & Marina has previously made scholarship donations to the local elementary and high schools.

The 51-room Big Game Club Resort & Marina, managed by the [Horizon Hotel Group](#), is a popular, internationally-regarded resort less than 50 miles from South Florida. The property is known for world-class diving and snorkeling, fishing and as a family-friendly destination with many on-the-water activities, including kayaking, paddle boarding, boating and sailing.

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