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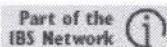
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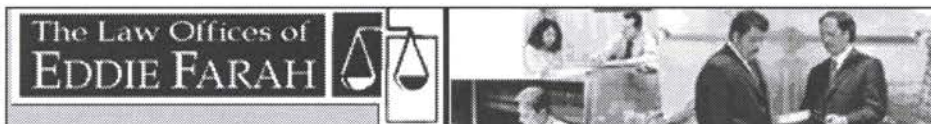
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Blue Cross Employees Donate Books To Romania

Company's Former Medical Director Says Libraries There Empty

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. -- An effort to provide reading materials to the adults and children of Romania culminated with thousands of books being sent to fill empty libraries in the former Communist nation.

After hearing about the lack of reading materials in libraries and orphanages from the company's retired medical director Dr. Larry Tremonti, who is serving with the Peace Corps in Romania -- hundreds of Blue Cross and Blue Shield employees contributed to the effort.

Over 7,000 books were donated from across the state in just six months.

"(Our) employees were happy to lend assistance to this worthy cause," said Bob Grant, one of several volunteers involved. "Our efforts will provide thousands of Romanians with access to books that they desperately need."

While all the books in English, organizers of the effort were told that the Romanian government encourages citizens to learn English as a second language, and English literature is in very high demand.

The New Global Division of Yellow Transportation, a Jacksonville-based shipping company, picked up the books Tuesday morning, and will ship the two pallets of books to Romania at significantly reduced rates.

"We are proud to be good corporate citizens in partnership with Blue Cross," said Mitch Waters of Yellow Transportation.



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