

### **Release Highlights**

- Coconut Bay Resort & Spa announces winning couple of first-ever lighthouse wedding and honeymoon
- Wanda Cheers, nurse and mother of adopted twins, set to marry Stephen Vajda on September 4, 2010
- Fans can follow Wanda and Stephen's dream wedding and honeymoon experience on Coconut Bay's blog at [www.cbayresort.com/lighthousewedding](http://www.cbayresort.com/lighthousewedding)

### **PENNSYLVANIA COUPLE WINS FIRST-EVER LIGHTHOUSE WEDDING AND ALL-INCLUSIVE HONEYMOON FROM COCONUT BAY BEACH RESORT & SPA**

*St. Lucia resort will create a dream-come-true wedding experience for winning couple*

**VIEUX FORT, St. Lucia – June 16, 2010** – Coconut Bay Beach Resort & Spa, a premier Caribbean resort for destination weddings and intimate honeymoons, announced the winning couple of its lighthouse wedding and honeymoon contest. From hundreds of couples who submitted their stories, Wanda Cheers and Stephen Vajda of Pennsylvania had a story that stood out. They received the most online votes and will be the first-ever couple wed atop St. Lucia's Cap Moule à Chique Lighthouse on September 4, 2010. The all-inclusive resort has partnered with Jasmine Bridal, a leading designer of bridal and special occasion gowns for this complete wedding and honeymoon giveaway.

Wanda, a neonatal intensive care unit nurse at Morristown Memorial Hospital, is the single mother of adopted twin boys, Hunter and Logan. Acting as both mom and dad, Wanda selflessly devoted all of her time to raising the boys, which left little time for dating.

When the twins turned four, Wanda re-entered the dating scene and started looking for someone special. She knew she had found the missing link to complete her family when she met Stephen on a popular dating website. It was an instant connection from the moment the duo exchanged e-mails, and they quickly learned how many interests and values they shared, such as their passion for staying in shape and the importance of putting family first.

"When finding someone to spend the rest of my life with, I wasn't just looking for myself; I had to keep my children in mind," said Wanda. "I wanted someone who recognized that Hunter and Logan are my first priority. From the beginning, Stephen jumped in with both feet, and I couldn't have asked for anyone better to come into our lives."

With more than 6,000 online votes, Wanda and Stephen won over 10 other finalist couples to win this dream-come-true wedding and complete honeymoon. They will not only go down in history as the first couple to be married atop the second highest lighthouse in the world, but they will also receive all the inclusions that come with a complete destination wedding at Coconut Bay Beach Resort. Additionally, as winners of the contest, the couple will receive airfare, gowns for the bridal party, spa treatments, island excursions, private receptions for their family and closest friends and other surprises along the way.

The couple is set to be married in St. Lucia this fall and the kids are going to be an important aspect of the ceremony. Stephen is in the process of legally adopting the twins, so when the couple exchange vows they will all share the same last name.

"I am not sure who is more excited we won this dream wedding and honeymoon from Coconut Bay – us or the boys," Wanda said. "We plan to spend the days leading up to the wedding together as a family and enjoying the resort's water park."

Coconut Bay is ideal for multi-generational weddings with a family-friendly "Splash" wing home to the island's largest water park, lazy river, children's water playground, fully supervised kids club and an outdoor paintball facility. The resort also accommodates families with weekly themed dinner nights, entertainment for the young at heart and family dinner seating times.

After their big day, Wanda and Stephen will be treated to an all-inclusive CocoMoon – Coconut Bay's signature honeymoon experience. The newlyweds can enjoy their first few days as husband and wife in the "Harmony" wing, a true oasis of relaxation. Peaceful rooms overlook a palm-shaded adults-only pool and bar, chaises and relaxing hammocks, intimate cabana beds and the oceanfront Kai Mer Spa. The adventurous couple can also enjoy island excursions such as horseback riding on the beach, zip-lining through the rainforest, off-road adventures aboard all-terrain vehicles and snorkeling in the Caribbean Sea.

Family, friends and fans can follow Wanda and Stephen's lighthouse wedding and St. Lucia honeymoon adventures on Coconut Bay's blog at [www.cbayresort.com](http://www.cbayresort.com).

**About Coconut Bay:** St. Lucia's exotic southern coast is home to Coconut Bay Beach Resort & Spa, an all-inclusive resort catering to families, couples and honeymooners alike. Mirrored after the island's most famous landmarks, the twin Piton Mountains, Coconut Bay has its own set of twins, Harmony and Splash. "Harmony" is a tranquil adult-only oasis offering an intimate setting for those seeking a romantic escape with a coconut palm-fringed pool, braided hammocks, private cabana beds and the oceanfront Kai-Mer Spa. At the opposite side of the resort, the young at heart are drawn to "Splash," the resort's tropical playground featuring CocoLand Kidz Klub, a paintball facility, a watersports complex offering kitesurfing and the island's largest water park. This casually Caribbean resort has 254-rooms on 85 acres, and it's all just a short transfer from the Hewanorra International Airport. For more information about Coconut Bay Beach Resort & Spa visit [www.cbayresort.com](http://www.cbayresort.com), call (877) 352-8898 to reach the resort directly or connect on Facebook [www.facebook.com/CoconutBay](https://www.facebook.com/CoconutBay)

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