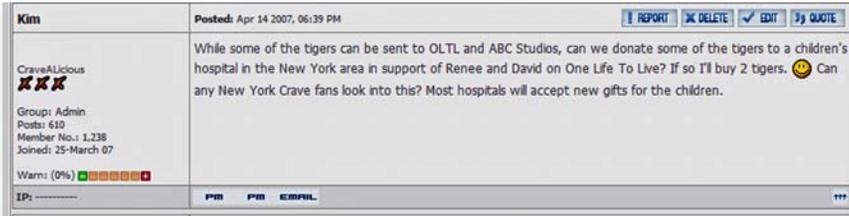


A Project That Was Meant To Be

In mid-April a request was posted on the Crave message board soliciting donations to campaign in support of David Fumero and Renee Goldsberry by sending gifts to the One Life To Live and ABC Daytime studios. After a few moments of reflection I posted the following response –



Immediately members responded saying they too wanted to send stuffed toy tigers to a children's hospital. Crave message board member Deevah4ever contacted Mary Jo Page of St. Luke's Hospital and thus the St. Luke project began. A special PayPal account was established to collect donations for this project and members generously contributed. Within a few months 25 stuffed toy tigers, a new couch, a book cart, children's books, and other gifts were delivered to the hospital for the Patient's Library and the Pediatric Center.

The Patient Library is in a building named for Robert Minturn. Robert Minturn was one of the most prominent American merchants and shippers of the mid-19th century. Mr. Minturn declined all offers of public office, except the post of commissioner of emigration, which he accepted from a wish to secure the rights of emigrants. He was an active manager of many charitable associations in New York City, aided in establishing the Association for improving the condition of the poor, and was a founder of St. Luke's hospital. Like his Quaker forebears, he was opposed to slavery. He is reported to have purchased a number of slaves for the purpose of setting them free and he was a benefactor of the Freedmen's Association. Robert Minturn and his wife donated land for the establishment of New York's Central Park, having been inspired by the beauty of foreign cities and their parks.

It really is remarkable that this dedication ceremony is being held on October 4, the day to celebrate the feast of St. Francis, and our tribute to Renee & David's work is in a building named after someone who gave much to New York and to society. Indeed, all aspects of this project – from the performances that inspired us to this dedication ceremony today – were truly meant to be.

Kim Lawson
Administrator – Crave message board

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Thank you Mary Jo Page – Volunteer Coordinator at St. Luke's Hospital 🍌🍌🍌🍌 You're definitely a gem and St. Luke's Hospital is truly blessed to have you. 🍌

And special thanks to Maria, Cynthia, and Isabel. 🍌

Comments From Those Who Support The St. Luke's Hospital Project

I choose to become involved with the St. Luke's project based on my admiration for the work of Renee Goldsberry and David Fumero and who they are as people off the screen. This project is in the giving spirit of David and Renee and our group known as Cravers who recognize that actors can also be positive influences that inspire people like us to get involved with causes that benefit people. Hopefully this will motivate others to give just a little bit more than they did the day before.

M. Michele Taylor Bronx, NY

I thought this project was an excellent idea and support it because it was for kids and books can take you anywhere you want to go in your mind. Books open up worlds that we may never see but experience thru words in a book. I am glad that the fans of Renee Goldsberry and David Fumero whose characters on One Life to Live as Cristian Vega and Evangeline Williamson are so loved by their fans thought of a way to show how much we love these two actors and their work. They are so missed as a couple on OLTL. I am proud to be a Crave fan and support this effort.

Sheila Williams Syracuse, NY

I fully supported this project because it represented all the good that comes when people are positively inspired to look past their own lives and into the hearts of those in need.

This endeavor would never mean as much to me if it hadn't been for the wonderful caring, respect and appreciation of their fans as portrayed by the work that David Fumero and Renee Goldsberry showcased during their time as Cristian and Evangeline. Their commitment honored us and showed us that real love can and does exist in the world on many levels. This is just one small way to say thank you to them and give back the same joy we received in our support of them to others.

Crave message board member OYE2365 San Francisco, CA

I am very proud to be apart of this wonderful project that will bring a huge smile to a lot of children. This project also honors the WONDERFUL and BEAUTIFUL chemistry between Renee Elise Goldsberry and David Fumero as Evangeline Williamson and Cristian Vega. They gave us the most Beautiful Love Story and I will forever be a Crave Fan.

Jessica Bell (JB329) Detroit, MI

Comments From Those Who Support The St. Luke's Hospital Project

Reading can get one through sad times and bad times; it can feed the soul and expand the mind. It is an honor to be apart of an endeavor that brings a sense of peace and enjoyment to children who are ill while showing how much the fans appreciated the hard work and dedication of David Fumero and Renee E. Goldsberry as Cristian Vega and Evangeline Williamson on One Life to Live. Much like books, their pairing brought many hope and happiness I can't think of any better way to say thank you David and Renee.

Crave message board member Texas Breezin Dallas, Texas

I fully supported this project because it's for the children. I wanted to do something to help lift children's spirits who are in/out of the hospital. Books can lift a child's spirit at anytime. They can take them to imaginary places, provide entertainment, and they can let children forget their real health problems/issues at least for awhile.

I am honored to be a part of this project. This project is also a way to honor the work of David Fumero and Renee E. Goldsberry and what they brought together to One Life to Live as Cristian Vega and Evangeline Williamson. It is a way for us to show how much we love these two actors and their work. I am proud to be a Craver and to be a part of this project!!

Ronnee Cohen Los Angeles, Calif.

I am thrilled and proud to have been a part of this project by the members of the "Crave" family. It started off as a way to honor and express our deep appreciation for the work of actors David Fumero and Renee Elise Goldsberry in their portrayal of our favorite couple, "Cristian and Evangeline." It grew into an amazing effort, the fruit of which will hopefully benefit the young patients of St. Luke's Hospital for many years to come. Happy reading, children!

Michelle Henry Ann Arbor, MI

This effort truly brought back for me the pleasure of giving and as a result, I have received so much more than the few dollars spent on some books.

Crave message board member Eliza Miami, FL

Comments From Those Who Support The St. Luke's Hospital Project

Hey Renee and David, This gift of love for the children is so special. Thank you for being the inspiration to facilitate this act of service. I am honored to share my love for reading with the children. I sent 7 books to Mary Jo for the children to enjoy. Thanks for being there and all you do in the spirit of service. I will be with you in spirit.

*Much Love,
Mary C. McGregor Benbrook, Texas*

I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver. Maya Angelou (1928 -)

*You may never fully comprehend the worth of the gift you gave us.
Thank you for inspiring us to pass the joy on to others.*

Pat Jenkins Clarksville, TN

It is well to give when asked, but it is better to give unasked, through understanding; (Khalil Gibran, The Prophet).

The beautiful thing about this project is that it was not undertaken because we wanted something in return or because we were asked to do it. We just wanted to emulate the characters' generosity and we understood that the best tribute to the actors' work would be to do something the characters they portrayed would embrace.

Gregorie Dolce Miami, FL

Being an educator, the welfare of children is always close to my heart, so of course I wanted to be a part of this project. Another reason I got involved was to honor the wonderful work done by David Fumero and Renee Goldsberry in their portrayals of Cristian Vega and Evangeline Williamson. One could tell by their performances that they loved this couple as much as we did. To them I say thank you for the many hours of pleasure you brought to so many.

Deanna Miller Cerritos, CA

For personal reasons this project has been very close to my heart. Therefore, it has been my joy and pleasure to not only support the children of St. Luke's Hospital, but to honor David Fumero and Renee Elise Goldsberry the way they honored their fans with their heartfelt portrayals of Cristian and Evangeline.

Elena McGee Virginia

Comments From Those Who Supported The St. Luke's Hospital Project

The dedication of David Fumero and Renee Goldsberry brought vividly to life a soap opera couple unlike any I have ever seen. The emotions they created through their on screen pairing were many and insurmountable. and this dedication to their craft and their fans was the inspiration for this project.

Because of my love for them, it is an honor and privilege to be a part of something that gives homage to them and their commitment and also touch the lives of children, for to touch the life of a child is an effort worth reaching a great distance to do. I pray that this effort will bring smiles to the faces of many children as David and Renee's portrayals of Cristian Vega and Evangeline Williamson brought to mine and those of many other who came to know them as CRAVE.

Angie Bojinoff (Trudreamer613) Cleveland, Ohio

*Hospitals can be a scary place for children, sick or healthy. If stuffed tigers, books or whatever else can bring them some comfort, how could I **not** participate? Plus, I've been an avid reader since youth and still remember being read to in kindergarten. Maybe the St. Luke's library could help foster future bibliophiles like myself. I also love that this project is in honor of David Fumero and Renee Goldsberry, who have also brought me so much joy. David and Renee gave so much of themselves in their brilliant performances as Cristian and Evangeline that I'm honored to be part of something that gives back to them and shows Cravers' appreciation for them and their work.*

Michelle Wright (Michelle325) Alexandria, VA

It is my great pleasure to support this project, and bring joy to the hearts of others! That joy was given to me from David Fumero and Renee Elise Goldsberry in their beautiful portrayal of Cristian and Evangeline, and the lovestory they so wonderfully shared with millions of fans!

Crave message board member RbbJac Brooklyn, NY

David and Renee and their generous nature have influenced me to do the same. I hope that giving these books they will brighten up a child's day just like the characters Cristian and Evangeline did for me.

Deidra Johns Metarie, LA