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Boomers Buy Time With Grandkids

(NAPSA)—Many savvy baby boomers who have become grandparents are buying up timeshares as a way to assure spending quality time with their grandchildren.

Grandparents who do not live near their grandchildren will have a place to vacation with their kids and grandkids every year. In addition, a deeded vacation ownership can even be passed on to heirs.

Two grandparents, the co-founders of grandparents.com, have owned their vacations with Marriott Vacation Club International since 1994. Richard Anthony and his wife Marlene bought a week for each of their five children, so they could host each family's vacation.

Those "grandboomers" are not alone. The American Resort Development Association estimates over four million U.S. families own at least one week of vacations. Of those, 68 percent are 50 years of age or older. What's more, a recent study found that grandparents who own their timeshare vacations are nearly twice as likely to travel with grandchildren.

The family-friendly accommodations offered at these vacation resorts typically feature two-bed-



"GRANDBOOMERS"—Today's timeshares give grandparents a greater opportunity to spend quality time with grandchildren.

room, two-bath villas that sleep up to six guests and include roomy living and dining areas and private balconies. Most have a kitchen, too, which means you don't have to take young children out for dinner or breakfast every day. Each resort is full of activities like family pool parties, campfires and even karaoke to share fun time together.

A great way to try out a villa without any obligation is by visiting www.marriottvillarentals.com or by calling 1-800-VILLAS-9 for current rental specials at the destination of your choice across the U.S.