

# Home... For Now!

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## Letter from Laurie

*(The following is a letter from Laurie Skibba, Director of Anne-Marie House.)*

### What Anne-Marie House Means to Me

First of all, I am so pleased that “Home...for Now” is back in production! Thanks to our Communications intern, Frank from Rivier College, who is working with Jen, our Director of Development, we fully expect that you will be reading about us in this bi-monthly format. As in the past, there will always be a lead article, usually from me.

Recently I received a most precious birthday present from our guests currently living at AMH: a mini scrapbook with each page individually decorated from each participant, where the question was answered: “What Does Anne-Marie House Mean to Me.” Let me share with you some of their thoughts:

- “My education for a better future and for my independence and the happiness of my family;”
- “What you are doing for our family;”
- “Faith...Hope...and Love. The greatest is love;”
- “Without funding and volunteers, families like mine wouldn’t have a place to live, so thanks to everyone for chipping in to help;”
- “I have a place to call home. I don’t know where I would be without Anne-Marie House.”

So let me echo all of these heart-felt responses, “And I don’t know where Anne-Marie House would be without *your* help! Thanks to each and every one of you who makes Anne-Marie House, “Home... for now”!



Laurie Skibba  
Director, AMH

## Volunteers Honored for Outstanding Service

In January, Anne-Marie House instituted a monthly award to be given to volunteers who go above and beyond the call of duty and demonstrate admirable behaviors. The following have been honored thus far:

**January:** The volunteers from Temple Beth Abraham who volunteered during the Christmas Holiday.

**February:** Jane Heineke, for her endless dedication, and for giving an impressive 700+ hours to AMH in 2010.

**March:** Bob Morgan, for his dedication and support through hosting, chatting and listening to our guests, filling envelopes, and decorating for the Anne-Marie House “Stars and Promises” holiday concert.

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## Volunteers Honored Cont.

**April:** Cheryl Sweet, who does it all at AMH. In the last several months, she has become a key Coordinator, learned to use a computer, learned to cover overnights, as well as cook meals.

**May:** Sandy Houde, who shops weekly for whatever AMH

needs within her budget. Sandy brings in everything from diapers, tote bins, clipboards, laundry detergent and whatever else the house is in short supply of at the time. Many, many thanks again to ALL of our honored volunteers!



Pictured: Temple Beth Abraham volunteers receiving the "Angel of the Month" award



## Step Up & Volunteer This Summer!

**Important Reminder!** As we enter the summer months it becomes increasingly difficult to fill in our volunteer calendar. Please help us fill in our schedule by calling Linda Fraser at (603) 883-7338, opt. 3, and make sure to check for openings [annemariehouse.org/calendar](http://annemariehouse.org/calendar).

Anne-Marie House is always searching for new volunteers to help maintain the program 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year! New volunteers are required to attend a volunteer training session, orientation of AMH, and submit a criminal background check.

Volunteer training sessions are held four times a month – the first Wednesday of every month at Grace Lutheran Church in Nashua at 7:00PM, the third Tuesday of every month at AMH at 10:00AM and at Londonderry United Methodist Church at 7:00PM, and the fourth Tuesday of every month at Amherst Congregational Church at 7:00PM. Questions? Call Linda Fraser at (603) 883-7338, opt. 4.

## Run or Walk for AMH this Fall!

With homelessness in New Hampshire on the rise in recent years, walkers, runners and community members will come together on Sunday, September 18, 2011 at First Baptist Church in Nashua to fundraise and find a solution to the growing problem.

Pre-registration for the event, the 4th Annual Anne-Marie House 5K Walk/Run, is \$20 per person and \$25 on the day of the event. Day-of registration begins at 1:00PM in the First Baptist Church parking lot at 121 Manchester Street in Nashua. Walkers will get a head

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## 5K Run/Walk Cont.

start at 2:15PM and runners will depart at 3:00PM. Participants are encouraged to register at [www.annemariehouse.org/5Krace](http://www.annemariehouse.org/5Krace) and raise pledges to benefit Anne-Marie House.

Event highlights include 2008 Beijing Olympic race-walker Joanne Dow, medals to top finishers in each age group, t-shirts for the first 200 participants, free post-race chowder courtesy of Weathervane Seafood Restaurant, live entertainment. and special educational grants provided by

a generous outside donor for participants walking on behalf of a school. For more information or to register, visit [www.annemariehouse.org/5krace](http://www.annemariehouse.org/5krace).

## Spring Fundraising Events Raise \$10K for AMH

A night under the stars, a few hidden treasures and a group of motorcyclists -- what do these three things have in common? They all helped raise just over \$10,000 for AMH this spring!

Nearly 40 students braved 30 degree temperatures and spent Saturday, April 9 under the stars in cardboard box homes, raising nearly \$3,000, during AMH's **2011 Box City**. Students raised money for AMH by collecting pledges from friends and family and took part in educational workstations about homelessness. Box City 2012 will be held Friday, April 20- Saturday, April 21, 2012!

AMH's **3rd Annual Yard Sale** was a complete success thanks to the visiting community, and AMH volunteers and Board of Trustees members who generously provided their support for the day.



By adding new components to the event such as a Friday night early bird sale, vendor tables, and a raffle, nearly \$4,500 was raised through the event. Next year's sale will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2012!

The 1st Annual "**Home Sweet Home**" **Motorcycle Ride** for AMH saw great success, welcoming more than 40 riders

and raising nearly \$2,500. Texas Roadhouse hosted the event on Sunday, June 5 and provided a BBQ feast for riders upon their return from a 100-mile scenic ride. Next year's event will tentatively be hosted at Texas Roadhouse on Sunday, June 3, 2012!

**Many** thanks to our community!

## Community Corner: Community Support Abounds from Local Groups and Individuals

### **AMH Finance Committee Volunteer Helps Achieve \$5,000 Grant and Runs Promotion on Behalf of AMH**

Bob Bonfiglio, co-owner of Bonfiglio, Kiley & Associates and AMH Finance Committee member, recently assisted AMH in receiving a \$5,000 grant from Ameriprise Financial. The grant will be used to pay for general program expenses. "Bob is a long-time, dedicated friend and supporter of Anne-Marie House and we are grateful for his efforts in achieving this critical funding for the children and families that call Anne-Marie House a 'home for now,'" said Laurie Skibba, Director of AMH. Bob has continued his generosity by inviting community members to attend a complimentary financial planning meeting. In exchange, for every meeting, Bob will donate \$25 to AMH. If after this initial meeting one decides to proceed and purchase a financial plan, AMH will receive an additional \$25 donation. To find out more or to schedule your complimentary initial meeting, contact Bob Bonfiglio at 603-606-4255.



### **Londonderry Women's Club Annual Toy Swap**

Anne-Marie House wishes to express its sincere gratitude to the Londonderry Women's Club for choosing AMH as the charitable beneficiary of its annual toy swap and sale. The sale, held Saturday, May 21 at the Matthew Thornton Elementary School in Londonderry, raised more than \$1,800 for Anne-Marie House! Many thanks to Sandy Engler and the rest of the ladies of the Londonderry Women's Club for its outstanding support and generosity to our program!

### **Local Man To Conquer Amica Ironman for AMH**

Geoff Moodie will participate in the Amica Ironman 70.3 in Rhode Island on July 10, on behalf of ANH. The course, a long distance triathlon, consists of a 1.2 mile swim, 56 mile bike, and a 13.1 mile run all through scenic areas in Providence. Geoff Moodie will take on this demanding course on behalf of Anne-Marie House and is raising pledges along the way. You can support Geoff with a contribution by mailing a donation to: AMH, Attn: Ironman, 180 Lowell Road, Hudson, NH 03051.



Good luck and thank you,  
Geoff!



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