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*"Thanks to all of you,
I can now stand on
my own two feet!"*

- Lilly



"Ending homelessness... one family at a time."

The Circle of Success Keeps Growing...

Did you notice the change in Lilly's demeanor before and after she graduated from AMH? These pictures tell the story. When she came to us, Lilly was 8-1/2 months pregnant with her son Dominic. She knew only a handful of people, and none of them were able to house her and her soon-to-be born child. Since she was neither a citizen, nor a long-term resident, she was unable to access any government-supported housing or financial aid programs. Thankfully, when Lilly explained her situation to Nashua Welfare, someone there knew about our program and referred her to us. The rest is history! It may have taken Lilly longer than some to navigate the immigration system, but once she acquired her "green card", there was no stopping her. Many people helped along the way. We owe thanks to the Adult Learning Center and AMH "tutors" who helped with her English. Thank you to everyone who drove Lilly and Dom to the Nashua Public Library's "Babies & Books Storytime" where her socialization skills expanded, as well as those who took her to the NH Food Bank's "Recipe for Success" culinary arts program from which she graduated. Finally, thank you to each and every one of you who have contributed to ending Lilly's story of homelessness! Together we can do so much.

And now there's Carrie's continuing story of success...Carrie graduated from AMH in March of 2007 and has been living independently with her son, since then. Now I am pleased to announce that on May 13, Carrie was elected to the AMH Board of Trustees – the first of our graduates to ever have this distinction. Yes, the circle of AMH success stories keeps growing.

Laurie Skibba,
Director

The Yard Sale

The REMAX hot air balloon rides for our 2nd annual AMH Yard Sale may have been grounded due to high winds, but our spirits are flying high from the results of everyone's efforts that made our yard sale even more profitable than last year! Thanks to everyone, from shoppers to volunteers, who helped us raise over \$2,700 for our program.

Annual Appeal

We are nearing the end of our annual campaign! Our goal of meeting our maximum donor match of \$21,000 is in sight, with only \$6,000 left to raise. If you haven't already done so, please donate when you receive our third and final appeal letter in early June. Together, we make a difference in the lives of families experiencing homelessness in our community!

Your Volunteer Hours Are Worth Money!!

Does your employer have a matching grant program? If you aren't sure- ask! Anne-Marie House has three volunteers who are either current or retired employees of Intel Corporation. Through Intel's "Volunteer Grant Program", they are able to "redeem" their volunteer hours at AMH into grant money for our program. This year we received \$2,605 on behalf of those employees who gave us their gift of time. If your employer has a similar program, please let us know so we can publicize it in a future newsletter.



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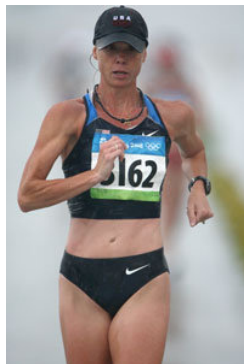
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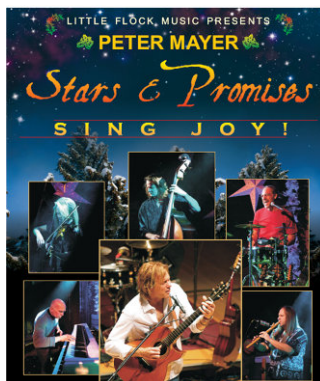
Future Events



September 19 is our third 5K walk/run event. Joanne Dow, Olympic Race-Walker will be returning as our featured participant.

You can register for the race or make a donation in support online at:

<http://www.annemariehouse.org/5krace>



December 11 is our holiday concert and silent auction entitled, "Stars and Promises" featuring The Peter Mayer Group. This event will be held at 7:30pm at Souhegan High School.

More details about the event will be posted on the Anne-Marie House web site in the coming weeks.