



# Anne-Marie House

Ending Homelessness One Family At A Time

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Dear Friend of Anne-Marie House:

At Anne-Marie House (AMH), we are all about children.

One evening at AMH, while on duty as a volunteer, I observed the families around me. A dad sat in the dining room feeding his four-month-old daughter while his wife kept their two older girls, ages two and six, occupied with stories and games. In another corner of the dining room a family of five sat around a table; Mom and Dad had a conversation about something that involved three-ring binders, the two younger children did homework and the oldest, a teenager, didn't hang around long -- I found him later in the library on one of our computers. Just outside the dining room, an older child helped clean up by running the vacuum cleaner and in the living room the usual flock of younger kids watched television in the company of a parent and another volunteer.

Anne-Marie House makes childhood as normal as possible by shielding kids from the worst effects of homelessness, such as food insecurity or exposure to unhealthy situations. In addition, we provide children and their families with warm beds to sleep in, wholesome meals, access to transportation and other supportive services such as life skills training or continuing education classes. We nurture our kids and families via a supportive and caring network of more than 1,000 trained volunteers while providing the necessary guidance for our families to attain sustainable housing independence.

If you haven't already made a contribution, please do. Nearly 90 cents of every dollar is directly invested in programs for our children and families. And, thanks to a generous group of matching gift donors, ***your donation will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$22,000!*** We need many more donations to meet our goal, so we need your help! It takes funds to keep our doors open and run the programs that set families back on their feet, so please give what you can to help support this very important service to our community.

All of us who contribute to Anne-Marie House with our time or money find we get much more than we give. We experience this as the joy that can only come from reaching out to others. I invite you to also experience this joy through your contribution.

Sincerely,

Frank Manley  
President, Board of Trustees  
Anne-Marie House