



# Anne-Marie House

Ending Homelessness One Family At A Time

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Dear Friend of Anne-Marie House:

Several days ago I served as the overnight volunteer at Anne-Marie House. At 6:30 a.m. the next morning I awoke, unlocked the doors and turned on a few lights in anticipation of the new day. It was snowing hard. One of the resident children came bursting into the dining room in his pajamas and asked, "Is there school today?!" I said I didn't know. A moment later I walked around the corner to find the child on the phone getting the answer to his question. This seemed so normal. Normal is great when I think what the alternative might be.

At Anne-Marie House (AMH) we do more than just creating a 'normal' life for families and children experiencing homelessness. At AMH families get a brand new start in life because they live in a safe and secure home where they get wholesome meals and with individual guidance make a plan to overcome the barriers they face. These individual plans may include education, purchasing a car, taking care of debt, legal entanglements and health issues. We are able to do this through a network of more than 1,000 trained volunteers, which include many of you reading this letter, who donate time, talent and treasure.

This is the time of year when I invite you – our volunteers, event participants, friends, and fellow community members – to participate with us in changing lives by making a donation of your treasure to help fund the AMH program. **Any amount you can contribute will be matched up to \$15,000.** It takes funds to keep our doors open, to run the programs that set families back on their feet and empower them with self-respect so that they can move on to a place of their own to call home.

Please be a part of the joy we experience by making a contribution in whatever amount you can and help us meet our \$15,000 match. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Frank Manley  
President, Board of Trustees  
Anne-Marie House