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Director's Corner

Our Vision...Our Mission...Our Values...

Have you ever been engaged in a conversation about GNIHN (our legal name, The Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network) at Anne-Marie House (our secular name) and weren't exactly certain how to define what we're all about? Yes, we're a transitional housing program for families experiencing homelessness, but can you accurately and precisely define what our program *is* and what we represent beyond this basic definition? Our Board of Trustees recognizes this challenge, and has spent several weeks this year helping to create the language that most correctly defines our program at this point in time. I suggest using some of the following language to help you out in those future conversations ...

Our Vision: To eliminate homelessness – one family at a time.

Our Mission: To support the needs of families experiencing homelessness as they work to achieve sustainable income, housing and transportation.

Our Values:

Hospitality--We welcome the stranger and embrace them as family.

Faith--We live out our faith in relationships; to make a positive difference in the lives of others. We promote interfaith collaboration as a means to deliver the largest possible benefit.

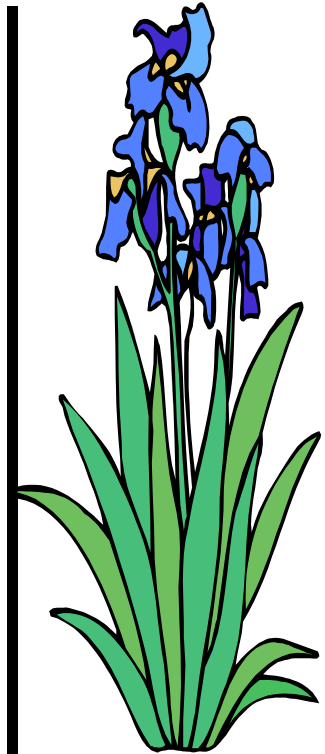
Respect for Every Person and Family--We believe in the inherent worth of each person and family – their individual faith, their privacy, their dignity, and their potential for positive growth. We embrace the socioeconomic, cultural, and racial diversity of our guest families, our staff and our volunteers.

Individual Responsibility--We emphasize the importance of individual responsibility by all guests, staff and volunteers, to promote a safe environment and healthy behaviors.

Learning--We believe the success of our program is completely dependent on continual listening and learning from each other and from outside sources.

Although the specific details of our program offerings may change, we believe our core values will not. Many of you may be more articulate about AMH than we are. I invite your feedback, and I will be sure to include your comments the next time we revisit this living document.

*Your Friend in Service,
Laurie Skibba
Director*



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Volunteering

Recently, I have been reflecting on the word “volunteer”. GNIHN is an organization that is dependent upon people who volunteer. Even our three staff people, though paid, should be included among our volunteers because of their commitment to helping others.

A volunteer is a person who gives time and shares their talents with others. I can't even begin to imagine how our organization would function without the things that are brought to the Anne-Marie House for our guests and the time and effort donated by our volunteers. The recent yard sale event was a success because more than thirty people showed up and helped to make it happen. Each day, volunteers staff the Anne-Marie House; sometimes doing housekeeping tasks, but more importantly are present to our guests as people who care.

Volunteers grow because of the experience of giving of themselves. They are involved because of the relationships that are formed, and because they become better people as a result of what they have done and given. While I do not meet all our volunteers, I rejoice with you in your growth in compassion and in your losing yourself by being involved in “eliminating homelessness, one family at a time.”

Rev. Tom Woodward
Board President



Our First Joint PMA/AMH Yard Sale 5/16/09

Thanks to *all* of you who donated, set-up, cleaned-up, sold, or most importantly, purchased at our First Annual Joint Yard Sale with the Presentation of Mary Academy. We are very happy that this first event raised nearly \$2,000 for our program – we could not have done it without you! Now as we look towards an even bigger and better event next year, we need to locate *free* storage space so we can collect Yard Sale goodies all year.

If you have, or know of anyone who may have a storage unit, warehouse, storage trailer, or very large garage that is dry and not musty-smelling, we would love to give you our charitable donation paperwork for your generosity. Please give me a call at the office (883-7338) for any ideas you may have to help us solve this challenge.

ATTENTION

RUNNERS, WALKERS & FAMILIES

Looking for a fun way to spend a Fall Sunday afternoon while also supporting Anne-Marie House!

Returning to Participate will be **Joanne Dow**
2008 Olympic Race Walker

2009 Anne-Marie House 5K Run/Walk



Check-in: 1:30pm
Race/Walk: 3:00pm

Starts at:
First Baptist Church
121 Manchester St.
Nashua, NH



**T-Shirts to 1st 200
Participants to register**

Medals in each category

\$10,000 in

Educational Donations

September 20, 2009

Benefit Fundraiser for:
The Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network, Inc.
at Anne-Marie House
Helping to End Homelessness, One Family at a Time...



Entry or sponsorship forms and more info are available by calling Linda Panny at 888-9683 or emailing her at lpanny@comcast.net

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Future Needs
Are you able to help?

As the school year winds down, and our thoughts turn to summer fun and relaxation, please remember that Anne-Marie House is a 24/7, 365-day program. We always need volunteers; and we always need in-kind and financial donations to maintain our efforts to eliminate homelessness, one family at a time. As with so many other nonprofits, our needs do not stop just because it's summertime. Just think, if each person who reads this article chose just one item from this list, we'd have our pantry shelves filled for most of the summer!

- gift cards from any grocery store, gas station, Wal-Mart, or Target;
- diapers (especially size 5 or 6) and diaper wipes
- disinfectant wipes; Future or Pledge floor wax;
- paper products – toilet paper, paper towels, dinner napkins, feminine hygiene
- laundry products – liquid detergent, bleach, stain remover, dryer sheets
- single-serve juice boxes or snacks



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Please use this form to make a financial donation

The Board of the Interfaith Hospitality Network is thankful for gifts of time, talent and treasure that allow us to provide transitional housing for families experiencing homelessness. We have an operating budget of over \$200,000 that is supported from grants, special events and the gifts of people who believe in providing housing to the least of these, our neighbors.

Name: _____

Phone Number _____

Amount of the Donation: _____