

# Home... for Now

The Newsletter for Anne-Marie House



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*“Ending homelessness... one family at a time.”*

As I reflect on the life of Anne-Marie House since I last spoke to you in the May/June *Home...for Now* edition, the poem by an unknown author, “The Power of One” comes to mind. In case you’re not familiar with it, here it is:

### The Power of One

One SONG can spark a moment  
 One FLOWER can wake the dream  
 One TREE can start a forest  
 One BIRD can herald spring  
 One SMILE begins a friendship  
 One HANDCLASP lifts a soul  
 One STAR can guide a ship at sea  
 One WORD can frame the goal  
 One VOTE can change a nation  
 One SUNBEAM lights a room  
 One CANDLE wipes out darkness

One LAUGH will conquer gloom  
 One STEP must start each journey  
 One WORD must start a prayer  
 One HOPE will raise our spirits  
 One TOUCH can show you care  
 One VOICE can speak with wisdom  
 One HEART can know what is true  
 One LIFE can make a difference,  
 AND  
 One snowflake can start an avalanche  
 You see, it’s up to you.

Let me share with you (in the panel to the right) some of those powerful events that began with *you*, that have made such an impression on the life of Anne-Marie House over this summer...



And for each and every ONE of you who sacrificed some of your own fun in the sun in order to share your time with our guests!

Please accept my one-word prayer for all of you – **THANKS!**

*Janine A. Holby*, Director

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One Eagle Scout candidate, John Ste. Marie, who completed his project to build us a storage shed.



One local company, Chick-fil-A, that visited AMH this summer and is now delivering food for our evening meal.



One CCD class from Londonderry that made cuddle blankets for our kids and one student who even conducted her own car wash & gave AMH the proceeds.



**Come meet and run/walk with Beijing Olympian Joanne Dow on September 19, 2010 in Nashua, NH and Help End Homelessness... One Family at a Time.**

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## 5K Race Update

It has been two years since Joanne Dow, the women's running coach at Bishop Guertin, was race-walking at Beijing's National Stadium in the 2008 Olympics, but this year, she will be in the field of runners and walkers helping Anne-Marie House, a caring home for children and their families experiencing homelessness.

Following the great success last year, the Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network, Inc. will be holding its third annual 5K run and walk for the benefit of Anne-Marie House on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Walkers will start at 2:30 PM and runners are off at 3 PM. The event will begin, and end, at the First Baptist Church, 121 Manchester Street in Nashua, and will travel through Greeley Park, and Nashua north end neighborhoods. Registration opens at 1:30 PM.

Medals will be given to the top finishers in each age group. The first 200 participants will also receive T-shirts to commemorate the event. Up to \$10,000 in educational grants will be awarded to the schools whose walkers and runners collectively raise \$1,000 or more for Anne-Marie House.

Major sponsorship for the event is provided by Evergreen USA LLC, the Friel family, the Nashua Telegraph and Thrivent Financial. Advance registration forms, pledge sheets and information are available by contacting race coordinators Tim Bolger 617-593-3799, Dennis St. Lawrence 603-305-0216 or you may register on-line at [www.annemariehouse.org/5krace](http://www.annemariehouse.org/5krace). The entry fee is \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the race. All proceeds will benefit Anne-Marie House. See you there.



## Dine Out to End Homelessness



**Monday, September 13th,  
from 11am to 10pm**

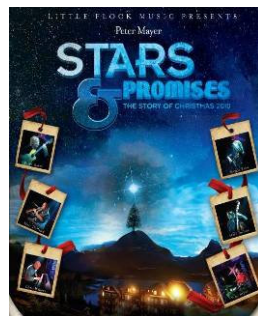
Longhorn Steakhouse, a sponsor of the 5K Anne-Marie House Run/Walk, invites you to Dine Out to End Homelessness at two locations:

**124 ROUTE 101 A MEADOW BROOKE CROSSING, Amherst  
Phone: 603-579-6975**

**5 HAROLD DRIVE, Nashua (off of DW Hwy on the way to Pheasant Lane Mall)  
Phone: 603-888-6900**

**How it works:** Simply present the "Dine Out to End Homelessness" coupon available at Anne-Marie House when you dine at the restaurant on September 13. Longhorn will donate 10% of your cost of the meal (excluding alcohol and taxes) to Anne-Marie House. That's all there is. Bring your friends. Hold your club meeting at Longhorn. The more people that dine at Longhorn on the 13th, the more that will be donated to AMH.

Questions: Contact Laurie @ 883-7338 or laskibba@gnihn.org See you there!



## Holiday Concert

**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.

Tickets & Info are available online at:  
[www.annemariehouse.org/StarsConcert](http://www.annemariehouse.org/StarsConcert)

