



Devon Nicole's House Newsletter

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<http://www.devonshouse.org>
Spring 2002

On July 30, 1999 a beautiful healthy baby girl named Devon Nicole came into this world. Five short days later she was called back to heaven. This may sound like the end of a story, but as it turns out, it is just the beginning of a journey....

Mission:

Devon Nicole's House is a Non-Profit Charity that is dedicated to establishing a home-away-from-home for families that have children either awaiting cardiac care, organ donations or that are in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at any of the Boston area Hospitals. We hope to relieve the parents of the financial worry of how to afford being close to their child during a difficult time

Baby steps .. almost a Home by Devon's Dad



(Above: Suzanne Mooney of Jason's Place presents donation of \$51,203 to Thomas and Deanna Missert for Devon Nicoles House)

Devon Nicole's House has made some serious strides in the last 6 months. From November to February we had 7 different fund-raising events that supporters of DNH put together. (Toys and Pampered Chef, Basket Bingo, Candle Lite Party, Mall of NH Evening of Giving, Luisa's Christmas Party, Stampin' Up, and finally the Valentines Dinner!) We extend our heart felt thanks to all those that helped!! The biggest of these was the 2nd Annual Valentines Cruise. It was a HUGE success thanks to a lot of work from the DNH Board, and a very generous check presented by the Founders of Jason's Place. The Dinner raised over \$72,000! We send out an especially big Thank You to all that attended and helped to make this years Cruise even better than last years! We have some exciting changes for next years Valentines Dinner.. stay tuned!

The other BIG news is that we are getting a lot closer to being able to formally announce the approximate opening date and location of Devon Nicole's House hopefully at the Golf Tournament! A group interested in helping to create a home for Devon Nicole's House approached us in February with a tentative site. As soon as it is official we hope to make a formal announcement to the press and will post the details on our web site. (We are hoping to get the news out prior to the Golf Tournament in June!) The entire DNH Board has been both over-whelmed and consumed by the offer. There are several obstacles that we face in the immediate future; the most significant is scaling our focus and energies to the operational side of the house. Ideally we would like to have 2 years of funding in the bank before opening our doors for business. Right now we are about \$75,000 short. We are also still trying to figure out where the money will come from for the proposed renovations for the home.

Fundraising Events:

1st Annual DNH Golf Classic
Monday June 24th 2002, 7:30am
Andover Country Club!!
****Players and Sponsors**
still needed!

December 2002
3rd Annual Luisa's Pizza Party
Guest appearance by
SANTA!

February 15th 2003 6pm - 11pm
3rd Annual Valentines Charity Dinner.
GALA EVENT OF THE SEASON!!
Hor'sdeuvres, Balloons, Dinner, and
Silent Auction.

WE ARE HIRING!
Resident Manager/Director of DNH
Professional Fund-Raiser/Developer

For more information or to volunteer to HELP, check out our web site.

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We are finding that fund-raising and development is a full time job. The Board has approved the hiring of a full or part-time professional Fund-raiser/Developer. We've already started to interview some people through friends of DNH. A job description will be posted on the website by the time this newsletter reaches you.

We will also need to hire a General Manager or Director to run the day-to-day operations of Devon Nicole's House. We expect this position to be the most critical issue that our board will face in next few months. This person will be the face and voice to the hundreds of families that will stay at DNH. A description for this job should also be up on the website by the end of May.

The next six months will bring a lot of changes... We are adding a second major fund-raising event to our annual schedule. We hope that the Golf Tournament will be a big hit and really get our name and mission out there. We are confident that there are people that have not heard about what we are trying to do that will ultimately play a major role in helping us build the dream of Devon Nicole's House. Please share our story with others! God bless and take care. Talk to you in the Fall.

DEVON NICOLE By: Maggie Desantis

I remember the horrible day,
 I stood and cried as the balloons flew away.
 Symbols of a baby girl's soul leaving for heavens above,
 down here on earth a families undying love.
 I watched as her parents shook as they wept,
 But her memory and their love for her in their heart had been kept.
 You may think that this is where the story ends,
 but wrong you'd be for this is where it begins.
 With their faith, and their strength, and their love for their baby girl,
 Devon's parents took all these things and have shared them with the world.
 They are building a home for families to stay,
 with sick children in hospitals not far away.
 They are building it with their love for their child now in heaven,
 this baby girl who will help the sick and the weary, her name is Devon.

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Erica Murphy	PR, Highpoint Communications
Dean Ouellette	DNH Website Design
Dr. Kathy Jenkins	Cardiologist, Boston Children's Hospital
Tracy Jenkins	Events help

Members of American Heart Association and AHA subcommittee on housing:

Laura Sol	Alba Alvarez and Gerry Fernandez
Santa Sesena	Kathy Milligan

Special Thanks!!

To all of the DNH Board members and Advisors. Without your help and encouragement we could not be where we are today on this project of the heart.

To the staff at Children's Hospital, especially Dr. Kathy Jenkins, Dr. Jim Lock, Sandra Fenwick and Susan Shaw for believing in our dream and wanting to help.

To everyone who helped make the 2nd Annual Valentine's Dinner Cruise a HUGE success.

To ALL the people associated with Jason's Place for both their generous donation and for being there before us and leaving us a trail to follow.

To Maddy Mandelbaum for taking the time to listen.

To the parishioners of LPC that have continued to pray for us and for DNH.

To George and Elaine Wallace and Master Printers on New England for the GREAT job they did in printing the cruise brochures!.

To Vinny Hart for listening and encouraging us. We see a great friend and partner in him and the Hospitality Services Program.

To Gina for her endless hours of triplet sitting.

To the people that have encouraged us with words, prayers, actions and donations. You know who you are. Thank you and God bless.

While Deanna was pregnant with Devon she craved lemons. Lemon Trivia: Bobby Kempf of Roanoke, VA consumed 3 lemons whole including skin and seeds in 15.3 seconds!

Memorial donations were given to DNH in



loving memory of:

Lucas Richard Dalke
 Alice Grandmason
 Olgie Latwen
 Edward Matta
 Kathleen Merrill
 Olivia Joy Tarquinio

In honor of the marriage of Sandra Whittaker & Peter Bronstein a donation was given by:
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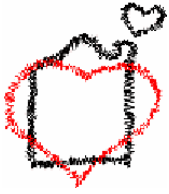
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** We apologize if we missed anyone due to printing deadlines.*

Gift levels

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To:

DNH Critical Needs:

- Donations at all levels
- Experienced Fund Raiser/Developer
- Resident General Manager/Director
- Continued Prayers
- Annual Endowments for on going operational costs to support DNH
- Members for Advisors to DNH to provide on going support and guidance to the Board of Trustees
- **LOTS OF GOLFERS AND SPONSORS FOR JUNE 24th TOURNAMENT.**

BE AWARE.. for your Children's sake!!

Congenital Heart Defects (**CHD**) are the #1 cause of death from birth defects during the first year of life.

It is estimated that 1 million Americans have CHD and 35,000 babies are born with CHD each year.

The BEST way to battle CHD is to be informed!
If you have a family history of heart disease or would like more information: Call 1-800-AHA-USA1
Or log on to: www.americanheart.org/children