

News From The Devon Nicole House

Fall 2004



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 remarkable journey....

Mission: The Devon Nicole House is a non-profit 501(c)3 charity dedicated to providing a home-away-from-home for families that have children receiving care at Children's Hospital Boston. We will continue to support The Devon Nicole House at Children's Hospital Boston and look to provide additional help to families in need.

Kids crowd DNH at CHB lounge at Open House!



Baby Steps ..

by Devon's Dad

The holiday season is upon us. We wish you ALL a safe and happy holiday season.

We also give thanks to ALL the DNH Friends and Children's Hospital Boston staff that made 2004 such a memorable year. On June 14th 2004, we celebrated the realization of a dream. The Devon Nicole House at Children's Hospital Boston opened their doors and hearts to patient families. In the first 5 months 129 families not only had a place to rest, but also a home where they formed new friendships with other families and staff at the House.

On one Wednesday night we had a chance to get together with some of the DNH at CHB volunteers and families staying at the House. We met a family from Albania, another from Maine and one from Tennessee. They all had touching stories to share, some of the laughter and even some of the tears that we shared help to lighten the load. We wish we could convey to you how much your support of DNH has touched the lives of these families. They were overwhelmed and truly thankful for the opportunity to stay at the House.

As we move into 2005 we are very excited about the growth that will take place both at the House and within DNH. We hope to help create a true sense of family and home by reaching out to help families and their children in new areas. The original vision Devon gave to us was simply to help families and their children. Once the house was opened we knew that there would be other areas that we might be able to help.

Fundraising Events:

CIBC Miracle Day

December 1st 2004



See details inside on how you can help!

5th Annual Valentines Dinner February 12th 2005 5:30pm – 11:30pm+ Andover Country Club.

Hors d'oeuvres, Balloons, Dinner, and Silent Auction Event.

Tickets paid by Jan 1st will be entered into a raffle for secret gift.

Kid's Day USA – May 15, 2005 **Benefit Concert** – May 2005 Details are still in the works. See website for updates/details.

4th Annual DNH Golf Classic Thursday June 16th 2005, 12:15pm

Ferncroft Country Club!!

*Players and Sponsors needed!
Ticket includes player gift, LUNCH, golf,
cart &fees, cocktail hour, DINNER and
auction event.

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

http://www.devonshouse.org



Devon Nicole House invited to participate in NFL 2004 Community Quarterback Awards program by The New England Patriots & The Kraft Group As the word spreads and DNH Friends continue their heart filled support, we will expand to help cover some of the unexpected costs that families face. These may range from something simple like phone cards and meal gift certificates, to bigger costs like helping with travel or un-covered medical expenses. Truly we hope to foster the feeling that yes, DNH at CHB is a home, but we are also a family. And family does what they can to help their own.

The journey continues. We thank all of you again for your support. With out you, we could not reach out to help so many others. Please stay involved! We will need your continued support to continue our work. Right now we are actively looking for 2-3 new Board members and someone to volunteer as Director of The DNH Coffee Club. We also need several volunteers to help with the up coming Valentine's Dinner. If you'd like to help, please contact tom@devonshouse.org or call us at (603) 594-1385.

Multiple Fund-Raisers all help DNH continue to help others!



3rd Annual DNH Golf Classic At The Sheraton-Ferncroft Country Club



1st Annual Poker Run Sponsored by: Rumbleseat



Jeffrey Lucier Memorial Golf Tournament Sponsored by Kevin & Cindy Mairs

3rd Annual DNH Golf Classic –June was a busy month. Three days after the opening of DNH at CHB over 100 DNH Friend crowded the fairways for the Annual DNH Golf Classic. This year's format was a Thursday afternoon outing at the Sheraton-Ferncroft Country Club that included lunch, dinner and an auction event. Thanks go out to all the volunteers that helped make the event run so smoothly this year. Especially Tracy Jenkins, DNH at CHB Project Manager Jennifer Darling, Betty Missert (all shown manning the reception table above), Polly Allyn, and of course all our Board of Trustee members! Thank you also to the players and sponsors who helped to raise over \$7000 this year!!

Please join us next year on June 16th, 2005 back at the Sheraton-Ferncroft CC.

1st Annual Poker Run – On a BEAUTIFUL Sunday afternoon, Sept. 26th, a big-hearted group of over 100 people cruised through the 1st Annual Poker Run. The final cards on the 85-mile run were drawn at the sponsoring Rumbleseat Bar and Grill located in Chicopee MA. Thank you to all participants!

Jeffrey Lucier Memorial Golf Tournament – Can you say MONSOON?! Torrential rains in the morning lead to soggy conditions for the 40 golfers who teed off at noon. The afternoon rains held off for all but the last few holes. (That's when the heavy stuff really started.) This was a true test of a golfers fortitude and dedication to the sport of golf. Special thanks go to Cindy & Kevin Mairs who organized the entire event. Thanks also to all the players, sponsors and families that came out to support the event and helped raise \$3400!

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Special Thanks to Alicia Daigel the current Resident Advisor (RA) who helped to lay the foundation for operations at the House will be stepping back to a part-time role. We appreciate the work that she has done and her continued help. Thank you Alicia!

Richard Defalco

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CIBC Miracle Day December 1st 2004

The Devon Nicole House has been offered an incredible opportunity to participate in CIBC World Markets Miracle Day. Since its inception in 1984, Miracle Day has become an annual tradition for CIBC World Markets. On Miracle Day, CIBC World Markets donates an amount equal to all of the day's fees and commissions raised to children's charities around the world.



To leverage the event and help DNH continue to help and serve families and their children we need your help. If you work at or have contacts within a financial firm that trades stocks, mutual funds or hedge funds, please contact us! (603-594-1385 or email tom@devonshouse.org). Details are also on our website at www.devonshouse.org

....Simple explanation....

We need traders to designate Devon Nicole House as charity of choice with their CIBC rep for Miracle Day.



We have had several DNH Friends ask if there is a way to donate to DNH through their company sponsored United Way campaign. After making several calls.. the answer is YES!

The process is simple.

When you fill out the United Way campaign pledge form at work, there is a place on most forms to write in a specific 501(c)3 charity that you would like to donate to. Simply write in:

Devon Nicole House, PO Box 901, Londonderry NH 03053.

If there is room or if it is required, you may provide our tax id: 02-0517710

Save time(good), Save money (better), Save & Donate (GREAT!)



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H&R Block has offered DNH Friends a great opportunity. Any **NEW** client that goes to any H&R Block office with a Devon Nicole House Referral Form will receive a check for \$10.00 as a thank you for coming to H&R Block as a new client AND help DNH receive a \$20 donation from H&R Block. DNH Referral Form is available on-line on our Fund Raising page at: www.devonshouse.org OR contact us and we can email/fax a copy to you OR your H&R Block representative. Tom@devonshouse.org or call (603) 594-1385



You are cordially invited to attend the **5th Annual Valentines Charity Dinner** for The Devon Nicole House



Saturday, February 12, 2005

Location:	Andover Country Club, Andover MA. Main Ballroom.		
Event:	Romantic and Elegant Valentines Dinner plus Silent Auction. Charity event with proceeds to help us support The Devon Nicole House at Children's Hospital Boston.		
Price includes:	5:30pm-6:30pm Reception with Hors d'oeuvres. Balloon sales. 6:30pm-11:30pm+ Formal dinner, drinks, entertainment, dancing and entrance to the Silent Auction.		
Pricing:	Seating is \$75 per plate. Tables seat 8-10 people. Corporate Sponsors are needed. Please call us for details.		
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	nd but would like to make a donation, please list pledge here to our website for event details, directions, or more ord	•	

The Devon Nicole House Coffee Club

Join the DNH Coffee Club for just \$1 a day!

We will deliver your DNH Coffee Mug and complimentary bag of Starbucks coffee. Please choose **RED** or **BLUE** for mug color. Coffee Club members receive **10%** off all DNH events AND will receive additional surprise coffee club gifts throughout the year.

I want to pledge an annual contribution of \$1 per day for one year. (\$365 for the full year)

I want to contribute (circle one): Monthly \$30.42 Quarterly \$91.25 Annually \$365

Please **FAX** this page to us at 603-594-8849 if you are interested. We will call you to confirm. Thank you for your support!

4th Annual Charity Golf Tournament for The Devon Nicole House

Thursday 12 pm June 16th 2005







Sheraton-Ferncroft Country Club, Danvers MA

\$200 fee covers the entire event including:

Lunch, 1 bucket of balls at the range, greens fee & cart player's pack (5 raffle tickets and player gift) and dinner.



DAYS EVENTS

12:00pm Registration opens.

Golf range open. 1 Free bucket

12:30 -1:30pm Lunch

1:30 pm Shotgun start, BRAMBLE PLAY 5:30–6:30pm 19th Hole. Reception/Cocktail Hour

1pm-7pm Silent Auction

6:30pm-9pm Dinner, awards and update on DNH.

Directions, Player registration and **SPONSOR** forms are available on the website.

I am interested in (circle one or BOTH): Golf Tournament DNH C	offee Club (RED or BLUE)
Payment (circle one): Visa – MasterCard - Check Total: Please Print Name as it appears on card	Please FAX this page to
Billing address	We will call to confirm. Thank you for your support!
Telephone: ()email:	
Card Number	Expiration
Lauthorize DNH to debit my card as specified above	(Signature required)

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Miranda McDonald at the Polishing Touch – for her food drive Nancy Metevier and Knights of Columbus Council (#685) of Raymond NH -for donating needed lotions, soaps, toothpaste etc.

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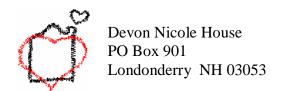
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- 3 new members for DNH Board of Trustees
- Volunteer for role as DNH Coffee Club Director
- Continued Prayers
- Annual Endowments for on going operational costs to support DNH
- Members for Advisors to DNH to provide on going support and guidance to the Board of Trustees
- DONATED ITEMS FOR SILENT AUCTION
 for Valentines Dinner, February 12th 2005
 AUCTION IDEAS: Event tickets, RCI vacations,
 autographed sports memorabilia, dinner gift certificates,
 golf lessons, quilts, TV, digital camera, gift baskets etc.

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You can give to DNH through your company sponsored United Way program. Just use the write in process. *Details inside*.



WISH LIST ITEMS FOR THE HOUSE:

- * Phone Cards, movie passes, T-tokens *
- Dinner gift certificates
- Assorted sample sized toiletries (soap, lotion, shampoo, conditioner etc.)
- Laundry detergent
- Paper/plastic kitchen items
 (plates, cups, napkins, towels, utensils, etc.)
- Magazine subscriptions, fiction books, City guides to Boston and MBTA maps