



# Devon Nicole's House Newsletter

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Fall 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



**Team from Boston Children's Hospital say they will be back next year.**  
(L to R: Stuart Novick, Esq, Dr James Lock, Dr. David Fulton and Dr. John Mayer)

## Baby steps .. walking in faith

*by Devon's Dad*

Yes. It has been 6 months since we sent out the Spring newsletter. 2002 is flying by for us. With help from friends we have learned and accomplished much. We have high expectations and are looking forward to 2003!! Our prayers and thanks go out to the people that continue to help steady us as we move forward, step by step, to get Devon Nicole's House open. We certainly would like to already have our doors open and be housing the families that really need our help... but we are not quite there yet. We will continue to walk in faith.

As the first fingers of winter and snow make themselves felt in the North East, we vividly recall the 1<sup>st</sup> Kid's Day USA held on May 18<sup>th</sup> 2002 by Dr. Dan Parent and his team at **Parent Chiropractic** (Londonderry NH). It was a great turn out even with the SNOW that blanketed the ground that day. A month later spring was in full bloom and we were blessed with a gorgeous and warm sunny day for our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament for Devon Nicole's House at the Andover Country Club. We seem to keep stretching our legs and trying new things. A Golf tournament was truly new to us since NO ONE on the DNH Board of Trustees plays golf. The event was a huge success and raised over \$12,000. Good for a first time event. Next years Golf Chairs, Jack Ganley and Greg Quercia have set a much higher bar for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Classic (June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2003). Jack and Greg lead the team that took the trophy this year and have committed to defending their title. I am hoping by that time we will have a few new faces on the Board of Trustees and that we will be able to directly field a team to challenge them.

We extend our heart felt thanks to all our sponsors and everyone that attended this years Golf tournament. A special thanks to tournament major sponsor, **Price-Waterhouse Coopers**. We certainly hope to see everyone again next year!!

## Fundraising Events:

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

Tickets paid by Jan 1<sup>st</sup> will be entered into a raffle for 1 week vacation to an **Ocean front resort!!**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual DNH Golf Classic**  
**Monday June 2nd 2003, 7:30am**  
**Andover Country Club!!**  
**\*Players and Sponsors needed!**  
See the website for registration details.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you are able to donate ANY of the following for the upcoming **Silent Auction**, please contact Kathleen! (603) 594-1385

- . signed sports/celebrity memorabilia
- . event tickets
- . gift certificates (stores, dinners, etc.)
- . timeshares or vacations
- . airline miles/tickets (URGENT)
- . quilts and gift baskets

**New cars, golf clubs, motorcycles, gas grills, lawn mowers, power tools, etc. would be great too!** ☺ [Kathleen@devonshouse.org](mailto:Kathleen@devonshouse.org)

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

<http://www.devonshouse.org>

In the Spring newsletter we mentioned that we were close to having a site for Devon Nicole's House. With the continued slide in the economy and due to some roadblocks, we are in a temporary holding pattern on Plan A that would have yielded 14 rooms for families to stay at while in Boston. We are still in negotiations, but we have also started to explore some exciting new options.

Ultimately the decision and time that DNH will open is not solely in our hands. We need the help and prayers of others to make Devon Nicole's House a reality. Regardless of the timing, we WILL persist. The entire Board remains firmly committed to the realization of the dream that Devon left with us.

We do have some exciting news to share. After final unanimous approval from the Board of Trustees we have added a person to the DNH staff as Director of Development. Kathleen Twiss stepped down from her Board seat to take on this role. We are all very excited about having her as a dedicated resource. Together we have set some aggressive goals that she is very fired-up about. She also has a lot of good ideas and contacts that she will use to our advantage. The timing is perfect as we ramp up for the Valentines Dinner.

Please share our story with others! God bless and take care. We hope to see you at the Valentine's Dinner. This year's GALA EVENT will be the biggest yet!!



(Left to right: Liz D'Angeli, Emily Shaw, **Bethany Hickey** and Mairead Hickey)

Special Thank You to Bethany Hickey (age 13) who was so inspired by Devon's Story at the Golf Tournament, that she went out and raised \$300 for DNH during the summer with a **lemonade** stand and by asking others to help. **GREAT JOB BETHANY!**

*(We wonder if she knew that while pregnant with Devon, Deanna LOVED lemonade and lemon juice.)*

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#### New to the Board:

Gene McGraw	Member, Board of Trustees
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[gene@devonshouse.org](mailto:gene@devonshouse.org)

#### Advisors to the Board:

Dr. Jim Lock	Physician-in-Chief and Chairman, Dept of Cardiology Boston
Dr. Kathy Jenkins	Cardiologist, Boston Children's Hospital
Vinny Harte	Executive Director, Hospitality Homes
Suzanne Mooney	Jason's Place
Dean Ouellette	DNH Website Design
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 everyone who helped make our 1<sup>st</sup> Charity Golf Classic a HUGE success. Special thanks to the Event sponsor **Price Waterhouse Coopers** and the Golf Chairs, Celeste Simpson and Kathleen Twiss.

To the staff at Children's Hospital, especially Dr. Jim Lock, Dr. Kathy Jenkins, Sandra Fenwick and Susan Shaw. Keep believing.

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

To Vinny Hart for listening and encouraging us. We see a great friend and partner in him and Hospitality Homes!

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

### Children-Helping-Children

Alana and Luke Ferguson (age 12 & 10). Sister and brother raised \$210 with a simple email letter they sent out to friends and family. You two are superstars!

**Memorial  
donations were  
given to DNH in**



**loving  
memory  
of:**

Lucas Richard Dalke  
Olivia Joy Tarquinio  
Daniel Walters  
Joseph Walters

**In honor of the marriage of Sandra Whittaker & Peter Bronstein a donation was given by:  
Mark & Cynthia Racic**

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## **FOUNDERS** (\$10,000+)

Jason's Place

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*A Donation was given  
honoring the Service of  
Patricia Hickey to  
children by:  
Michael and Cynthia  
Hickey*

\*We apologize if we  
missed anyone due to  
printing deadlines.

## **Gift levels**

\_\_\_ Friends (\$1-\$99)

\_\_\_ Associates (\$100-\$249)

\_\_\_ Patrons (\$250-\$499)

**\*NEW**

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\_\_\_ Benefactors (\$500-\$999)

\_\_\_ Executives (\$1000-\$4999)

\_\_\_ Directors (\$5000-9999)

\_\_\_ Founders (\$10,000+)



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**To:**

**DNH Critical Needs:**

- Donations at all levels
- 2 new members to Board of Trustees
- 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 AT ALL LEVELS FOR SILENT AUCTION.**

AUCTION IDEAS: Event tickets, vacations, autographed sports memorabilia, dinner gift certificates, golf lessons, quilts, TV, digital camera, gift baskets etc.

**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](http://www.americanheart.org/children)