



# News From The Devon Nicole House at Children's Hospital Boston



*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:**

The Devon Nicole House is a non-profit 501(3)c charity dedicated to providing a home-away-from-home for families that have children receiving care at Children's Hospital Boston.

## **Nomar Bowl 2004!**



## **DNH selected as a recipient of Nomar 5 Funds 2004.**

*(Deanna & Thomas Missert thank Nomar for his support of the Devon Nicole House.)*

## **Baby Steps . .**

*by Devon's Dad*

It continues to amaze us how much can be accomplished with the help of friends. By the time you read this, we will be just days away from opening the doors to the Devon Nicole House at Children's Hospital Boston. We thank each of you for your help and support over the last 4 years. We also welcome many new members to the DNH team. Jennifer Darling and Alicia Daigel accepted positions with DNH at Children's Hospital Boston as the Manager and Resident Advisor for the home. They will be the voices, faces and hearts that welcome families to stay at The House. We look forward to working with them.

In the closing days of February many friends of DNH saw a news story on **NECN** that featured the Cerniglia Family and their daughter Nicole who has a rare genetic disease. Their story touched many watching. Our hearts and prayers remain with them. The story highlighted the need for a home like the Devon Nicole House and mentioned that we were in the final days of a \$100,000 matching fund-raising drive. The story helped raise an additional \$30,000 by the end of the challenge, bringing our total to \$85,000. With the matching funds the \$190,000 allows us to pay off our portion of renovation costs and have enough funds to stay open through the end of the year. Our sincere thanks goes out to **NECN** for running the story and to all the wonderful people that responded so generously.

We were also blessed recently to receive a call from Victor at the **Nomar 5 Funds**. He asked if we would like to be one of the recipient charities for the **2004 Nomar Bowl**. We agreed and attended the event. It was a fantastic time. Victor and Nomar are

## **Come see DNH Home!**

### **OPEN HOUSE**

June 12<sup>th</sup> Saturday 10am-Noon  
Starbucks Coffee and pastries.

### **DEDICATION & RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY**

June 14<sup>th</sup> Monday 1-3pm  
Raffles, balloons, popcorn, clowns, ice cream and special guests.

### **Fundraising Events:**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual DNH Golf Classic**  
Thursday June 17<sup>th</sup> 2004, 12:15pm

**Ferncroft Country Club!!**

**\*Players and Sponsors needed!**

Ticket includes player gift, lunch, golf, cart & fees, cocktail hour, dinner and auction event.

August 21, 2004

**Jeffrey J. Lucier Memorial Golf Tournament.** Benefit for DNH  
**Location:** The New England Country Club Bellingham, MA

For details email: [cinmairs@yahoo.com](mailto:cinmairs@yahoo.com)

### **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentines Charity Dinner**

February 15<sup>th</sup> 2005 6pm - 11pm

**Andover Country Club.**

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

Tickets paid by Jan 1<sup>st</sup> will be entered into a raffle for **secret** gift.

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

<http://www.devonshouse.org>

wonderful people. The Red Sox and Boston would be lucky to keep them. The Nomar 5 Fund donation will help carry the Devon Nicole House into 2005. Our thanks go out to the participants, volunteers and the Nomar 5 Fund team.

June will be a very busy month for us as we host an Open House (Sat. June 12<sup>th</sup>) and officially open with the Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony (Monday June 14<sup>th</sup>). Followed by our Annual Golf Tournament (June 17<sup>th</sup>). We are also working through the pieces of simply opening the doors to welcome the first families that will stay at the Devon Nicole House.

The journey continues as we help these families. We will also redouble and focus our efforts in grant writing, development and fundraising as we look to stay open and build an endowment fund to sustain operations and Devon's dream. If you'd like to help, please contact [tom@devonshouse.org](mailto:tom@devonshouse.org) or call us at (603) 594-1385.

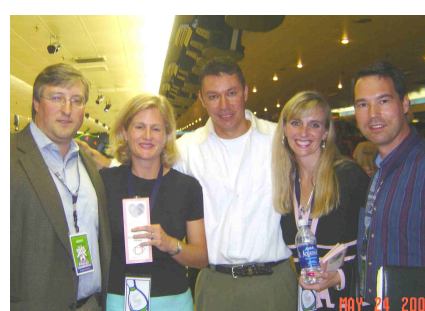
### Multiple Fund-Raisers all help DNH open their doors



**Annual Valentines Dinner**  
*Sponsor Scott Desantis of RE/MAX*



**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Kids Day USA**  
*Sponsored by Parent Chiropractic*



**Nomar Bowl 2004**  
*Sponsored by Nomar 5 Funds*

**The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentines Dinner** was held at the Wyndham Hotel in Andover MA. Picture above shows Scott Desantis of RE/MAX Properties Nashua NH and his wife Margaret presenting a donation to Devon's parents. Over 200 big hearted supporters gathered to enjoy a romantic and elegant evening. Everyone had a great time. This year's event was a huge success raising \$35,000. This helped to launch us above the halfway point gaining us critical momentum in our \$100,000 matching campaign. Guest speakers Doug and Cindy Cummings gave a heart felt account of parents that have slept on the couches, chairs and cots at Children's Hospital as they stayed close by their baby son Nathan who was born with a congenital heart defect. With the House opening this month some of the parents will now have bed, to try and get some much-needed rest. Please join us next year at the **Andover Country Club on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005** for the **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentines Dinner**.

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Kids Day USA** held by Parent Chiropractic of Londonderry NH on May 15<sup>th</sup> expanded it's reach as local businesses set up outside to help raise close to \$1000. Picture above shows Lemon Aide stand run by Justin, Kaley and Brittany Missert servicing their first customer. Special thanks again to Dr. Dan, his team, community business and all the people that helped make the event a success again this year.

**Nomar Bowl 2004.** DNH was happy to have been selected as one of the recipient charities for this year's Nomar Bowl. Picture above is of Victor C. Garciapara (center), Executive Director for the **Nomar 5 Funds** taking time out to greet DNH guests Marc and Jennifer Thompson (left) plus Devon's parents, Tom and Deanna Missert (right). Hundreds of participants and Nomar fans joined with celebrities to make the evening truly memorable.

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*We welcome and thank our new web design team Dan Headley and Mike Escutia of **Starfighter Design**.*

*Special thanks also go out to the volunteers that have helped us with the Valentines and Golf fundraiser events, especially Heather Schenck and Jae-Ann Rock.*

#### Advisors to the Board:

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Please join us for the  
**G R A N D O P E N I N G !**  
of  
**The Devon Nicole House**

**At Children's Hospital Boston**  
21 Autumn Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

*After 4 years of work, we are very happy to announce that the dream Devon inspired will become a reality on June 14th. We invite you to come celebrate with us as we open our doors and allow this home-away-from-home to begin helping families with children receiving care at Children's Hospital Boston.*

**Please feel free to attend one or both events!**

**Open House: Saturday 10am-Noon June 12<sup>th</sup>**

This event is open to all families, donors and friends of The Devon Nicole House. Coffee and pastries will be supplied by STARBUCKS. Please feel free to come see the home.

**Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

**Monday 1-3pm, June 14<sup>th</sup> 2004**

We will celebrate the official opening and first night of service with a Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Events will include raffles, popcorn, ice cream from HP Hood, Clown Care Unit, balloons, WALLY (Red Sox Mascot) and expected Celebrity Appearances (to be announced).

**Directions:**

**Walking from Children's Hospital Boston:**

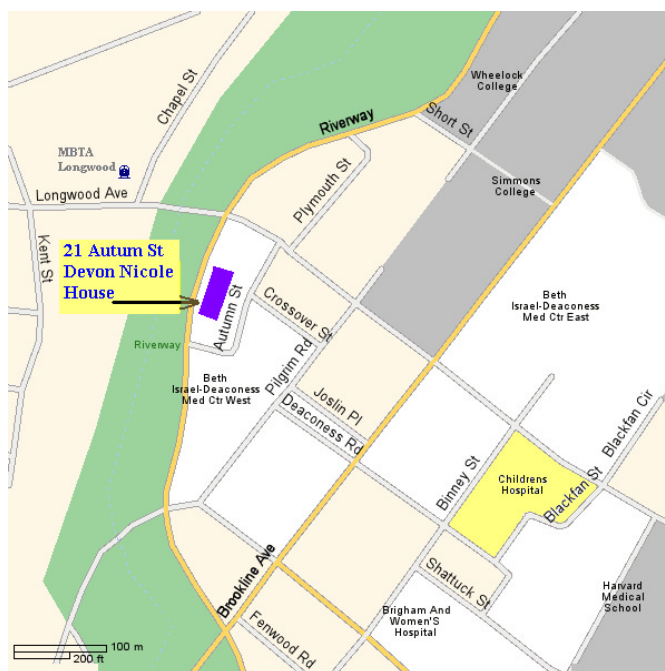
Proceed out the main entrance. Turn left on Longwood. Proceed straight for approx. 3 blocks. (Over Brookline Ave). Turn left onto Pilgrim Rd and then right onto Crossover St. 21 Autumn Street is located diagonally across from the parking garage. The Devon Nicole House is on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor.

**Driving from the north or south:**

Via Interstate 93 or Interstate 95, follow Storrow Drive westbound and exit at "The Fenway, Route 1 South." Follow left fork, then follow signs for "Boylston Street, Outbound." Bear right onto Boylston Street. At the fourth set of traffic lights, bear left on Brookline Avenue. Follow Brookline Avenue to second set of traffic lights. Turn right onto Longwood Avenue. Go one block down and turn left onto Pilgrim Rd, then turn right onto Crossover Street. **Park in the parking garage on Crossover Street.** DNH is located diagonally across from garage.

*For more details on the opening or additional information about DNH, please visit our website:*

**[www.devonshouse.org](http://www.devonshouse.org)**





# The DNH Coffee Club sponsored by STARBUCKS

*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

A printable DNH Coffee Club form is up on our website at [www.devonshouse.org](http://www.devonshouse.org)

## IT IS NOT TO LATE TO HELP US WITH...

### *3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament for*

## The Devon Nicole House at Children's Hospital Boston

*Thursday 12 pm **June 17th 2004***



#### ***Sheraton-Ferncroft Country Club, Danvers MA***

*\$200 fee covers the entire event including:*

*Lunch, Range balls, Greens fee & cart and dinner,  
Players pack (5 raffle tickets, Tournament gift)*

Player selected formats: Scramble play

#### DAYS EVENTS

12:00pm	Registration opens.
	Golf range open (1 Free bucket)
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch and raffle.
1:30 pm	Shotgun start
6pm – 7pm	19 <sup>th</sup> Hole. Reception/Cocktail Hour
12pm-7pm	Silent Auction
6:00pm-9pm	Dinner, awards and update on DNH

**SPONSORS**, Volunteers and a few Players still needed! Please call us at 603-594-1385.

### **Memorial donations were given to DNH in loving memory of:**

Evelyn Wittenberg	Cliff McGraw	Nora McGraw
Lucas Richard Dalke	Olivia Joy Tarquinio	Daniel Joseph Hyatt
Mary Perkins	Bernice Smith	Thomas Allen Abbott III (Tripp)
Darrell Dupree	Theodore Cotrupi	Eileen Keefe
Muriel Tyler	Adam Bryce Craig	Clare Elizabeth Ettrick
Paul Bradford	Robert Carr	Katelyn Rose Pacheco

*It is also with very heavy heart that we announce here the passing of Nathan, son of our friends Doug & Cindy Cummings and Benjamin's brother. Nathan lived for just over a year with a congenital heart defect. He passed away on Friday June 4<sup>th</sup>. Our hearts and prayers are with his family.*

# ***Devon Nicole House Donors***

(from May 2003 – May 2004)\*

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

Anonymous  
The Thompson Family  
Boston Children's Heart  
Foundation

## **DIRECTORS (\$5,000-9,999)**

GE - Good Neighbor Fund  
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Scott Desantis RE/MAX Nashua  
Pricewaterhouse Coopers

## **EXECUTIVES (\$1000-4,999)**

Anonymous (2)  
Arnold, Ethan & Helen  
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CHMC Cardiovascular Surgical  
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Dalke, Matthew & Paula  
Fidelity Charitable Fund  
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Gardner, Lori Ann Bates  
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## **FRIENDS (\$1 - \$99)**

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Blanton, Jim & Linda  
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Dodge, Brian & Pam  
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Doulamis, Peter & Marianne  
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Fedder, Michael  
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Greene, Jason & Leanne  
Gutierrez, Hugo  
Hall, Louise  
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Hartley, Patricia  
Haught, Robert & Anne  
Hoffman, Brendan & Lisa  
Holland, Marybeth  
Hutchunson, John & Sharon  
Kaiser, Dan & Pamela  
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McQuillan, Joan  
Meuse, Alfred & Victoria  
Missert, Brittany  
Missert, Justin  
Missert, Brittany  
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Morgan, Patrick  
Mow, Thomas & Michele  
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Thompson, Jennifer  
Toscano, Loretta  
Turner, David & Nancy  
Violette, Andy & Beth  
Walsh, Teresa  
Weygandt, Hal & Terry  
White, Joseph & Elaine  
Winsor, Cindy  
Withers, Kristen  
Wong, Perry & Lynn  
Zrien, Maritza

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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.

**WISH LIST ITEMS FOR THE HOUSE:**

- Assorted sample sized toiletries  
(*soap, lotion, shampoo, toothpaste etc.*)
- Shower shoes (*ie. Flip flops adult sizes*)
- Gift certificates to McDonalds
- Laundry detergent
- Paper/plastic kitchen items  
(*plates, cups, napkins, towels, utensils, etc.*)
- Chapstick
- Phone cards
- Snacks
- Bottled water
- Tea
- Sugar
- Kids & youth videos (VHS or DVD)