



Marguerite's Place, Inc. **Newsletter Summer 2006**



Marguerite's Place Welcomes New CEO

Barbara A. Alves was welcomed to Marguerite's Place, Inc. by the staff and residents of the facility in June with a picnic at Greeley Park. It was a wonderful, relaxed way for the women and children (both present and past residents) to get to know Barbara a little and for her to put faces on all the names that she has been introduced to since her arrival.

Barbara comes to us from many years as Administrator of Courville at Aynsley Place in Nashua. She has been with several other companies over the years and has been an avid supporter of Marguerite's Place from the beginning. Barbara has attended every fundraising event over the years and has seen us grow. She is committed to the mission and charism of the organization. Barbara continues to be a valuable asset to many other community programs as a Board member and advisor. Her greatest love has been being a "Big Sister" for many years and she was so thrilled when she was named "Big Sister of the Year" at a celebration in June, prior to her arrival at Marguerite's Place.

The Board of Directors and staff are very happy to have Barbara join all of us in making life a little better for the women and children that we serve. Barbara joins a long list of dedicated employees that have worked so hard over the years to enable the program to be so successful.

A VIEW FROM THE INSIDE

My name is Theresa. and I want to share a little of my experiences while living at Marguerite's Place, Inc. I have only been here a short time but it is so different from the situation I was in before, which was not good.

Thankfully, I am here now and I have one son with me. He goes to Day Care every day and loves it. He is so proud of all that he is learning and can't wait to go to school. I work and walk to work every day because I do not have a car because I can't afford one but one day at a time. Eventually, I will have one.

To show you how kind the staff of Marguerite's Place is—one day I was at work and it was raining really hard and they came to pick me up so I wouldn't get soaked. They even brought me to the food store so I could go shopping and to the Farmer's market. They have helped in many other ways, even though I have only been here a short time. My other children come to visit me on the weekends and they love it here too.

I am looking forward to using the program and all of the support it is providing to me, to make a better life for me and my children. Thank you Marguerite's Place for giving me a chance.

A VIEW FROM AFAR

This letter was sent by the family of a woman who lived here after the woman and her child left to move into permanent housing. While here the woman received her medical certificate and found employment and moved into a permanent housing situation. Along with her family, we too, are so proud and happy that she has been successful. We are well aware that we can only do what we do because of the support of so many of you. Your support has a "ripple effect" on many lives. Thank you.

(Sr. Sharon)

My husband and daughter and myself are so thankful for the help you have given to our daughter and our granddaughter. We were lost and you helped us find our way. There are no words to express the difference that you have made to all of our lives because you helped us. The pain of watching a loved one have so many problems to work through and not knowing where to start to fix them all — is and was so difficult to explain. The joy of seeing them do so well is overwhelming. You saved their lives and touched ours — in a way that can never be repaid.

Thank you SO VERY MUCH from all of us!



IT'S SUMMER TIME AND THE LIVING IS EASY

These pictures speak volumes about the staff, love of life and fun that we all have here at Marguerite's Place in spite of the pain and suffering that have been a part of the history of all of us. At this time of the year when we are gardening, weeding and sowing seeds, it is a reminder to all of us that this "garden" of ours belongs to God and we have an obligation to care for it. Rocks in the form of bad habits have to be cleared. Hardened earth needs breaking up to allow life-giving water to penetrate. We use a spade, God uses suffering. May we use the suffering in our lives and turn it into a place where new life may begin.

Nothing softens life-hardened hearts like a steady, gentle rain. These past months, in Nashua, NH, we have seen anything but "soft, steady rain" we have had downpours! But even in the downpours, it brought out the best in people—we all chipped in to help, we provided shelter and food to those in need—and in doing so, rekindled their faith and hope in people.

We hope that in some small way, Marguerite's Place has been a place of growth and mystery in the lives of so many people. The gentle reign of God shall conquer the earth starting here, starting now.

- Sister Sharon



Day Care version of a "water park"!! Sprinkler purchased thanks to Conway Arena grant.



Graduation at Marguerite's Place, Inc. There could not be prouder parents or children!



Love is in the Air!!!



Day Care children bake a cake and have a shower for Jim before he gets married. Please note the cake—handmade by Day Care teacher and decorated by the children—

The Board of Directors, Staff and Residents extend our deepest sympathy to Alicia Marston on the death of her grandmother on July 12., 2006. Our prayers are with you and your family.



Introducing Mr. and Mrs. James Kirkpatrick



Sr. Sharon and Sr. Elaine accept a check from the Knights of Columbus in Litchfield. This is just one of the many supporters that have enabled us during the past months to empower our women to move into a better future. Thank you to each one of you and know that we will not forget you in our thoughts or prayers.

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**We truly believe in the power of a
person to change.**

**United Way of Greater Nashua will be
kicking off their campaign for the new
fiscal year in the Fall. We would like
you to keep Marguerite's Place in mind
when you are making your donations
during the campaign. Our number is:**

912988

SAVE THE DATE

An evening of comedy with the North Shore Comedy Club featuring Paul D'Angelo, Bob Seibel, and Chance Langton. Evening includes sit down dinner, comedy show, and silent auction.

Date: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2006 at 6PM

Place: CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL

Cost: \$65 dollars per ticket

To Benefit the programs supporting the women and children at Marguerite's Place. Tickets can be purchased by calling Marguerite's Place at 598-1582 or go to our website www.margueritesplace.org.