

Middleton author shows how to rise above and raise money for charity

“Raise \$1 million for charity while making the world a happier place” is the stated goal of Middleton resident, author and publisher Mary Anne Brown, who writes using the pen name Mary Anne.

Her new publishing company and her first book, *Rise Above the Sh**! Down-to-earth-thinking from Wisconsin*, are the first major step toward her goal, she said.

It started about 10 years ago, as a search for fulfillment in life, according to the author. Mary Anne said she realized she wanted to find a way to help people on a large scale.

A busy single mom with three kids and another full-time job, she whittled away at this mission in her spare time.

“Time has served me well in allowing me to think clearly and to pinpoint each important step toward my goals,” she said. “Circumstances and people along the way opened up a fairly clear path, and things just started lining up and falling into place, both for the content I was writing about, and for the publishing business I was establishing.”

Her first book “teaches how anyone can make their life incredible, no matter what, one topic at a time,” according to the author.

Mary Anne’s publishing company, Annie Press, has pledged to donating at least \$1 to charity for every book sold. In addition, Annie Press offers charities a wholesale price so they can use book sales and an author appearance to raise funds and awareness. In



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first two weeks, book sales have raised over \$200 for charity.

AnniePress.com lists all of the retail locations where the book is available.

So far the author is pleased with sales and feedback.

“I’m elated, amazed, and so appreciative of the overwhelming positive feedback I’ve been given...everyone tells me the book has helped them,” she said. “It’s hard to describe how it just makes me float with a natural high beyond anything I’ve ever experienced before. Just when you think life is perfect, it steps up another notch!”

Mary Anne recommends the book for readers 13-years and older.

See more information at AnniePress.com.



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concert on Wednesday, Nov. 10 at the founders, said the concert “exceeds concert on Wednesday, Dec. 22.

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