

## **Anne Marie Hagan Biography**

Anne Marie Hagan was born on October 9, 1959, to Thomas and Rita Hagan of Kingman's Cove, Newfoundland, the eldest of three daughters. Her father was a fisherman, her mother a housewife; and in their home, education was always encouraged.

From the tiny one-room school in Kingman's Cove, Anne Marie went on to receive her R.N. Designation in 1981 with Distinction in Medical Ethics from St. Clare's Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, St. John's, Newfoundland. A work-related back injury shortly thereafter ended her nursing career.

Returning to further her education, Anne Marie graduated in 1986 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Memorial University (MUN), St. John's, Newfoundland. She was named to the Faculty of Arts first Dean's List.

In 1991, after almost five years in the field of Adult Physical Rehabilitation, Anne Marie's work as a Financial Security Advisor began. She still remains active in this area today.

Her motivational speaking career commenced on June 10, 2002. Since then she has touched audiences both large and small across Canada and the Northwest Territories.

Anne Marie was chosen as **2004 Influential Person of the Year** by the Downhomer, a Newfoundland-based magazine read by a quarter of a million people worldwide. *CBC Television and Radio*, *CTV's W-Five* and *Rogers Television* as well as several other media outlets have also showcased her.

On April 27, 2007, ***Forgiveness: Stories For Our Time***, was awarded "Best Mid-Length Documentary" at **Hot Docs: Canadian International Documentary Festival**, Toronto, ON. Anne Marie's journey from murder to forgiveness is one of four stories profiled in the film.

*Anne Marie is a member of:*

- Canadian Association of Professional Speakers (CAPS)
- Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Professional Speakers (NLAPS)
- Restorative Justice Coalition of Newfoundland and Labrador (RJCNL)
- Board of Directors, Epilepsy Newfoundland and Labrador (ENL)
- Association of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador (ARNNL)

*Anne Marie's past community work included:*

- President, Victorian Order of Nurses (VON), St. John's, Newfoundland Branch
- Board of Directors, Canadian Paraplegic Association (CPA), Newfoundland and Labrador

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