



# Sylvia's Haven News

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My dear partner and friend,

I am so proud to announce the future arrival of a baby girl due on September 19, 2010. We are all anxiously awaiting her arrival. The girls at the house went and got her a stroller. I was all set to buy her the bassinette, when wouldn't you know, I woman called and asked if I would accept a baby's bassinette, because her infant has grown out of it. I welcomed it with open arms. Now we are all set for the little princesses arrival.

The joy that I have in working in this ministry is very hard to explain. Because I couldn't begin to explain well enough the joy this ministry gives me. I have a little toddler Mary, who greets me every time I come in the door so that I can pick her up and hug and kiss her. I tell her how much I love her and she tells me how much she loves me. Then there is Joshua, a little 1 year-old boy. Who runs to kiss me with all his heart.

The following is a note written to me by the mother of the expectant baby:-

Dear Sylvia,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to have my baby in a safe and beautiful home.

I am so grateful for everything you have done for me.

I appreciate all that I have. This home is a blessing for me, and my child.

Sincerely,

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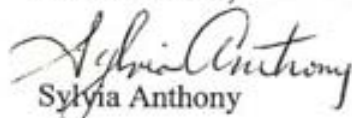
Of course, I will write and give you all the particulars when the baby is born.

When this baby is born, it will be the 1046<sup>th</sup> client since we opened our doors, January 25, 1987, and it is you who have made this all possible. It has been such a blessing throughout these past 23 years. No matter what the ups and downs you have been faithful and I owe it all to you. You have made my life here on earth a very worthwhile, fulfilling and joyous life.

Every day that we exist is a miracle here. With all the financial crises, we should have closed our doors several months ago, but with your help and God's leading we have had saints here on earth, like you, that keep us going.

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your loyalty and support. I love you and will always be grateful for your caring and generous heart.

In God's Love,

  
Sylvia Anthony

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I hope all is well with you and yours. I also hope your summer was filled with joy, love, family, and friends and times so good that the memories will last you a lifetime.

All I know is the summer flew by for me. Now it is fall, my favorite time of year, the colors of the trees, the coolness in the air at night, the mist that just hangs over a lake in the early morning, with the water so still and calm it is like a mirror, and by far for me, the best time for a nice long canoe ride.

It is also that time of year that we start to think about the upcoming holidays, the weather getting colder, and yes, the ice and snow. It's hard to believe that winter will soon be here, we just got last winter's heating bills paid for at the beginning of September, and soon will be running heat again! Let's pray it runs fine this year.

If you remember, last year we needed a new heat exchanger, big money, and a hot water exchange tank, again big money. It's sad to think that the time of the year I love the most, is the time the homeless fear the most. At a time that we are thinking of family and friends, their thoughts are of shelter, food and how to keep their children warm.

Thanks to you, Sylvia's Haven, your Haven, is still here. It's your love and support that keeps our doors open in order to be able to help the people that need you the most. I think the most valuable thing a person can own is the memory of seeing the love in a mother's eyes and a smile on a child's face. This is the gift you give. So please give if you can, all that you can, and if, at this time you are unable to help, please pray for the women and children of Sylvia's Haven, your Haven, for as always, without you we would not be.

Humble yours,



P.S. This October 5<sup>th</sup> will be Sylvia's 81<sup>st</sup> birthday, this is a woman that has dedicated her life to helping others, her dream of providing a safe and loving home for all the women and children less fortunate than us. Let's give her a birthday to remember. Let's show her what her devotion and the endless hours of her love, and time, that she so willingly gives to others means to us. Please send your donation as a birthday wish that her dream will go on and on. This is the one and only gift to give a woman that has given to others so freely all her life. I know in my heart you will make this a birthday she would remember always.