

Sylvia's Light



December

Giving from the Heart

As we close the chapter on 2023, we first say, what a difference a year makes!

This year, more survivors than ever turned to Sylvia's Place looking for the support they need to escape their abusers and seek safety for themselves and their children as they begin to heal and look forward. You gave and provided important resources that will impact these individuals and families for years to come.

We're committed to supporting these survivors of domestic abuse every step of the way as they begin the journey to rebuild their lives. You make this possible.

Last year, you helped support this mission. This year, will you make a year-end gift to Sylvia's Place by December 31 to ensure we are ready to meet the need that's just around the corner?

Your year-end help will help provide survivors

- a safe place to seek shelter along with food, clothing, hygiene products
- access to safety planning, domestic violence education, counseling, and support
- assistance with navigating the legal system to get justice through case management, legal advocacy, personal protection orders, court accompaniment.

Give now



Your gift before December
31 makes all the difference
for next year

Give love



Returning Pop Cans for FUNdraising

We had a wonderful donation of pop cans by Haworth, through our partner, United Way, to our main office.

On Friday, November 17th, from 11a to 2p, Sylvia's Place had a pop-can-return event. We loaded a van, a truck, and a SUV with bags to return to the local Walmart, Meijer, and Village Market.



From left to right: Heather (Executive Director), Laura (Victim Legal Advocate), and Linda (Victim Advocate)

While we still had many cans left to deliver, we made a good dent in terms of progress. We are excited to get back out there to finish.



From left to right: Kas (Volunteer Coordinator) and Nancy, our special volunteer

Of course, we have to thank our special volunteer, **Nancy**, who did three runs by herself. We are very grateful that she was able to dedicate some of her time to helping Sylvia's Place!





VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED

because everyone deserves a safe place

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Our Donation Center



Wishlist Wednesdays have been a new step. Every couple of Wednesdays, we post a need that the shelter has. These postings allow us to put up-to-date needs for our shelter. It has been amazing to see our community fulfill each Wishlist Wednesday we have put out. Thank you!

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for
Survivors of
Domestic Violence
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Adopt a Family



28 families



36 donors



thank you for your support in adopt-a-family



Boxed with Love

Dec. 14th

11a - 2p

Join the Wrapping Committee:
wrapping gifts for families
receiving Adopt-a-Family



<https://form.jotform.com/kaladriusr/boxed-with-love>



Residential

45
Adults

4,403 Bed Nights

111 Survivors

66
Children



Annual Report

Oct 2022 - Sept 2023

Nonresidential



Receiving help from our Victim Legal Advocate, Laura S



166

Women

14

Men



Services

Gas Cards



\$685

PPO Assistance



29 clients

DV Education



109 packets

Referrals to counseling



225 hours for 57 clients

Statistics and information about Sylvia's Place fiscal year from October 2022 to September 2023



Volunteering



43

Volunteers

466.5

Hours

Outreach: 30 Events



Hotline Calls



1,741

Crisis Calls



454



Welcome to the Team!

Heidi G

**Resident
Advocate**



Welcome



**Rochelle
Raab**

**Case
Manager**



hello!

ADVOCATE



EMPOWER



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thank you