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Dear Sister's and friends:

Unfortunately, I must report that my cancer has returned and is now considered Stage IV – terminal. I have restarted my chemo and while my prognosis is somewhat bleak, I'm going to give it a good shot along with continuing my various personal and business interests.

The best news is this development has inspired me to accelerate the transitional housing program I have so long believed in and wanted to develop over the next few years through our Sister's organization. We'll be making an announcement in the next few months regarding this project and how you can help.

Please be assured that our group is strong. We have done a lot of good work and that will continue. The store, donation site and studio will continue on as always and I hope you will continue your support. We will always support the SEMO Family Violence Council and the great work they do. Our mission will continue to be helping the women who have decided to leave their abusive situations and start a new life.

I welcome your contact by mail, phone or e-mail. I have voice mail on my phone so don't worry about disturbing me during treatment or the resting days thereafter. As much as I can't believe I'm saying this, e-mail is probably the best because I can check it on my good days. Please understand if it takes me awhile to respond but I do read and try to respond to each message I receive.

Sandy Silvey and Sue Syers have agreed to increase their roles in Sister's and have some great plans as you will see in the enclosed newsletter which they have created and will continue in the future. They will be the face of our organization going forward and I will be supporting them and our project from wherever I'm at and whatever I'm doing. Their contact information is:

Sandy Silvey sandysilvey@yahoo.com 314-913-9373

Sue Syers smoothsue@sbcglobal.net 314-974-6587

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers on my behalf as well as your support of our project. We need your time, resources and talents to continue to grow, reach and assist as many women and children as we can. This good work will continue on way beyond my life span and your participation is vital to our success.

Sincerely, Flora Denton - April 2010



Huge Garage Sale

'My Sister's Place' is having its
Second Annual Spring garage sale

Next to My Sister's Place Gift Shop

Sale Hours:

8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Thursday April 29th & Friday April 30th

All proceeds to benefit SEMO family shelter

**"My Sister's Place" store will be
open during the sale!**

Sister's Scramble Golf Tournament - June 5th 2010 Crescent Farms Golf Club

Sponsored by the St. Louis Businesswomen's Golf Association

Proceeds to benefit SEMO Family Violence Council

For more information visit www.mysistersplace.net,

www.slbga.org or contact Chairman, Sue Syers at

314-974-6587 or smoothsue@sbcglobal.net



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April 20, 2010

TO SISTER'S AND FRIENDS:

Our Sister's organization is moving along. We recently launched our website, mysistersplace.net, the Studio Workshop is now open most Thursdays, the annual Spring garage sale is just around the corner, the St. Louis Businesswomen's Golf Association (SLBGA) has chosen to support Sister's on behalf of Semo Family Violence Council (SemoFVC) for 2010 and Transitional housing is in the works! Wow...what progress we have made!

We are 149 members and still growing. Of the \$25.00 annual membership fee, \$20 goes directly to SemoFVC. For a membership form, please contact Sandy Silvey at sandysilvey@yahoo.com or by phone at 314-913-9373. And to all who are already members and those who have renewed their membership, thank you for your support.

Last year we were able to donate over \$10,000 to SemoFVC.

Also in 2009 we collected and dispersed household items through our donation site to assist the women moving into their own homes after leaving the shelter.

We started a "Handcrafted by sister's" line of products which are items created by our members at the studio and sold at My Sister's Place.

We raised awareness in our community of the need for services to aid the women and children who find themselves in a violent situation.

Directed by Sue Syers, we hosted a Christmas Party at SemoFVC (A Friends Place) for the women & children. Sue, her daughter and 4 of her sisters hosted a holiday craft day at the shelter. They brought goodies to eat and crafts for the kids to make a special gift for their mom's. The Grinch stopped by and each child received a present. In addition, they adopted 3 of the women at the shelter for the holiday's and made their Christmas a little brighter. For information on how you can adopt a family next Christmas season, call the Shelter or Sue Syers for details on the upcoming 2010 holiday party.

New is our website, mysistersplace.net, which will provide updated information on events as well as the online sales of limited store items. And along with all our other products, we now have our own exclusive Bath & Body Line sold at My Sister's Place and...now online!

The SLBGA has partnered with Sister's in 2010 to host several golf events in an effort to raise money for SemoFVC, specifically to assist the woman who has decided not to return to her abuser, but rather begin her own life in a non-violent habitat. We are in the process of laying the groundwork for a transitional housing program. So we thank SLBGA whole heartedly for their efforts in supporting our cause.

Upcoming in 2010 is Transitional Housing (My Sister's Place too - Bonne Terre MO). Start watching for updates posted on our website and in future newsletters.

Since I have always believed that things happen for a reason, I would like to share a story written by one of our volunteers, also a Sister's member & SLBGA member, Sue Syers. This actual event was printed in the SLBGA newsletter as follows:

A Moment of Your Time

Birthdays are a wonderful day to celebrate and I celebrated mine last year surrounded by family. After enjoying a meal with my spouse and kids, I walked to my car thinking what a great evening it was and how blessed I am. The lot was full of cars and one was behind mine, waiting for my spot, I thought. The driver pulled up and asked for directions to the nearest shelter, it was a woman, with a distraught look on her face. I asked her to park her car and I would talk to her. She introduced herself and proceeded to tell me her very convincing story about her life, her unborn child and her bout with domestic violence. She needed a gas card to go the last leg of her journey to her mom's home in Kansas City where she hoped to start a new life. She had been to several churches and shelters between Poplar Bluff and St. Louis in the past few days. I explained my connection with SEMO FVC and tried to make a few calls to see what I could do to help her, but had no luck being so late in the day. I asked her to drive over to the station across the lot and I would help. Not carrying cash these days, all I had was \$5 in ones and change. I filled up her tank, \$18 via credit card, and gave her my cell number to call me when she arrived at her mom's. She thanked me over and over and went on her way. I did hear from her, two days later, when she left a message on my phone telling me she had made it to her mom's and thanking me again for helping her.

This moment in my life lasted all of 15 minutes, cost me less than \$25, and may have saved two lives. Please give of yourself, because some situations only require an ear, a heart, and 15 minutes of your time.

It is a heartwarming and powerful story and I thank Sue for inspiring others by passing it on. We don't always realize that the small sacrifices we make...can change another life forever.

Volunteers are needed to participate in the various Sister's projects. The Donation Site can use people to accept, sort and display the donated items and work at the garage sale. The Studio is still in need of participants to create "Handcrafted by Sister's" items for sale at the store. Please check our calendar on the website as we have decided to schedule these work days on most Thursdays. One week, we will work at the Donation Site, another at the Studio. If you do not have web-access, feel free to call Sandy Silvey @ 314-913-9373 and she can keep you posted.

With the ease of the internet, we would be happy to send future newsletters by email and reduce our number of letters mailed. If you have given us your email address, you may have received this newsletter by email already. If you have not received it by email and would welcome it, please email sandysilvey@yahoo.com and we will send all future newsletters by way of your email address instead of snail mail.



New!!!



mysistersplace.net website

What will you find?

Shopping online

*Full line of bath & body products made exclusively for Sister's -Check it out!
Products 'Hand Crafted by Sisters 'and various other merchandise
Print coupons for discounts at My Sister's Place*



Memberships and donations can be submitted online

*Join our group
Donate cash*



Volunteer to donate your time. Let us know how you can help

*Help needed for donation site garage sale
Work at the studio making hand crafted items to be sold at the store
Participate as a visiting artisan
Haul furniture – truck and/or trailer needed
Represent group at community events
Help at fund raising and awareness projects*



Calendar of Events

Watch for posted upcoming garage sales, studio hours, donation site work days, etc.



Future Project Updates

Check back often as our goals are always changing

Watch for our Transitional Housing project coming soon in 2010

More info to come

Sponsors & Links to other affiliated websites

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