



Newsletter
February 24, 2011

SYLVIA'S CHILDREN



Lots of news and stuff!

First, Michele is now handling the Twitter account. Follow by going to Twitter and typing in "sylviaschildren" and follow her updates on the school and the country.

Second, go to our blog <http://sylviaschildren.blogspot.com/> for regular updates. Go down the right hand side and click on all our updates, see pictures and enjoy our progress.

NEED YOUR HELP

We leave on Thursday, March 17, for the medical trip. When we were there last I saw that the kitchen knives were in terrible shape. If you are cleaning out your utensil drawers and have extra knives, send them our way. I am sure they are in better shape than those at the school.

Also we did all the packing on Sunday and discovered we need toothpaste. We need 1,000 small tubes if you can donate them ... great. If not, find out if we can get them wholesale.

Lastly, not for this trip but our Christmas trip, start collecting unused jewelry. We do a Christmas party every year and have jewelry for the staff. The men can pick gifts for their wives/girlfriends and the ladies can select what they would like to wear. It is so much fun to watch them enjoy themselves.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

On Wednesday, March 2, Monmouth University is producing the Vagina Monologues and Sylvia's Children will benefit from this event. The time is 7:30 pm and the event will be held in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center on the second floor in the Anacon room. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance and \$7.00 at the door and are available at the info booth of the Student Center. Please come and help Sylvia's Children.

Then, on Saturday, April 9, the Millstone Theatre will be presenting JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR and, once again, Sylvia's Children will benefit. Stay tuned for address, prices and time. Thanks, Laurie Edwards, for offering to do this. (And, I have seen plays produced by her ... they are Broadway quality ... plan on attending!)

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MEET DEREK AND MICHELLE

These are the beginnings of our chicken farm! They were gifts to us at Christmas time from Molly and Derek's family as a thank you for making them well ... Molly's ears and Derek's arm. We have one more that Michelle (my daughter not the chicken) named Claire and we will post that picture when we get back from Africa end of March. We are very excited because several people have already donated money for chickens and the Joseph J. Catena School in Freehold (our sister school) is raising money for the rest of the flock!! :)



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CLOTHING DRIVE

Thanks to Starbucks (my favorite!) we have had another successful clothing drive, generating over \$1,500 which translates to 10,000 pounds or 5 tons! Since the beginning of this last spring we have raised over \$6,500 and 21 tons! If you have a local Starbucks and would like to approach them about helping us just give me a call and I will outline the whole program!

AWARDS

Just recently got word that the Association of Fundraising Professionals is giving me the Outstanding Philanthropist of the year award which was possible only through the efforts of all of YOU! Thanks for your help.

And, the local HOLMDEL JOURNAL notified me that I was one of three finalists in their community excellent awards for Business of the Year. Again, thanks to all of you for your support and making this possible..

LASTLY

Flat Stanley just returned from a trip to Ireland with me and will be joining us in Africa. Susan Muhler's son, Liam, sent him with me. Had a wonderful time writing the story. (Susan is my Choir Director.)

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