

The work we do in strengthening families and helping children is so fulfilling. The feeling when you know you've made a difference in someone's life is indescribable.

Come be a part of this. There are many ways you can join us on this rewarding journey. From sharing our story with others, to working with children at supports groups and other activities, to serving on a committee (marketing, public relations, fundraising, professional training), to being a donor - you can make a tangible difference in a family's life, in a child's life.

Call or email us today and let's talk about how we can work together.

Thank you!

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Keeping the "forever" in forever families

Our Mission:

The Sylvia Thomas Center keeps the "forever" in forever families by providing adoptive and foster children and families all the necessary tools and supports to enable them to bond and thrive.

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The **Sylvia Thomas Center** serves families in Hillsborough County who have adopted or are in the process of adopting.

THE NEED IN SOCIETY

It is heartbreaking to consider the pain of children who are adopted, sometimes for years, then returned back to foster care.

The consequences of reinforcing in a child's mind that they are not good enough, not lovable enough are devastating.

Equally heartbreaking is the pain of the adoptive family who took this child into their home as their own, believing they had enough love to conquer all challenges, only to discover that the emotional, behavioral and sometimes physical problems the child faces require way more than love.

Out of this need, the Sylvia Thomas Center for Adoptive and Foster Families, Inc. was born.

SYLVIA THOMAS

Sylvia Thomas was a trailblazer among child welfare professionals in Hillsborough County, Florida. Dedicated to families, she championed the need to ensure permanency in family relationships for those adoptive and foster families in her charge.

Sadly, Sylvia died suddenly and unexpectedly of a brain aneurysm on April 5, 2000. In July 2000, colleagues established the Sylvia Thomas Center in her honor.

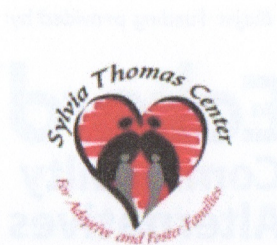
OUR PROGRAMS

ADOPTIVE FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

- Case management services to post-adoptive families in crisis or need
- Two Support groups for pre and post-adoptive parents
- **Teen Scene**, a therapeutic support group for adopted teenagers
- **Forever Friends Kids Club**, a support group for elementary school aged children, both adopted and biological children living in an adoptive home
- **Deciding on Adoption**, a group for foster youth to work through the emotional issues of choosing to be adopted
- Information, Advocacy, Referrals and General family support

SYLVIA THOMAS CENTER FOR ADOPTIVE EXCELLENCE

- Adoption Certification Training
- Quarterly Parenting Training
- Professional Workshops and Specialty Training upon request



“How can I help?”

- Assist with Child Care during Activities
- Join one of the Center's Committees
- Share Professional Knowledge as a Guest Speaker at a Support Group or Training
- Tutor a Child
- Share our Mission with others
- Make a Donation

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Sylvia Thomas Center
500 Lithia Pinecrest Road, Brandon FL 33511

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www.sylviathomascenter.org - click on the **Donate** tab

Thank You: All donations will be recognized with a letter of receipt sent to the address you provide.

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