PAWS Place ensures every family member is able to escape abuse. Meet a few of our adorable guests.

www.rosebrooks.org/holiday-images
Spreading Cheer All Year Long

Dear Friends,

The holidays are often thought of as the best time of the year. For the families and pets that find safety at Rose Brooks Center, it can still be a time of celebration, and that is because of you. Because of you, families are able to enjoy safety, peace, and healing during what may be the most difficult time in their lives. But you may be asking yourself, “How do I spread cheer?” Let me tell you.

When you donate to our Holiday Store, you allow moms and kids the chance to put away the worries of living in a shelter during the holidays for a brief time. When you give a gift of $25, $50, or $150, you provide countless hot meals to a family living in our emergency shelter, and if you ever have the chance to see our shelter and walk into the cafeteria, you know it is a place of healing and cheer for many reasons. When you volunteer, you offer a gift to a mom, child, or even a pet who just may need kindness from a stranger. And these are only SMALL examples!

So, when you support Rose Brooks Center, you become a part of something much bigger. You become a part of safety, peace, and healing, and spread cheer that lasts well into the new year.

Happy Holidays,

Susan Miller

P.S. Our 24-hour Help Line is 816.861.6100. We are here to listen.

Every Voice Matters

During Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, Rose Brooks Center staff made certain to be heard throughout the community. We did this because we know that providing education and raising awareness can change the way individuals respond to survivors of domestic violence, potentially saving thousands of lives each year. Plus we know it takes all of us to end the cycle of domestic violence.

Throughout the month, Rose Brook Center’s hospital advocates trained hundreds of nurses and doctors, and held awareness campaigns in local hospitals and clinics. Staff also spoke at rallies to educate the larger community about the dangers of domestic violence and how to support a survivor who discloses abuse. And, as an organization we continued our work of supporting survivors in order to help them live a life free of abuse.
**A Life-Saving Team**

Since 2006, the Office on Violence Against Women has provided funding to support the collaboration between the Kansas City Police Department and Rose Brooks Center to work together to conduct a coordinated system for holding batterers accountable while also improving the overall safety of victims of domestic violence.

With our most recent award from the Improving Criminal Justice Responses Grant Program, Rose Brooks Center, the Kansas City Police Department and our community partners will be able to continue to partner in fostering a systems-level approach to address the safety of victims of domestic violence in Kansas City.

The grant period runs from 2017 to 2020.

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**Excellence in Housing**

This Summer, the Department of Justice staff came to Rose Brooks Center to review our housing program. They met with housing staff, finance, and grant writers with an extensive tour of our facilities. Those who met with our staff were very impressed and stated, “It is clear Rose Brooks really does the trauma-informed and voluntary services described in your grant proposal. You have set the standards for best practices. We can tell that you always have in mind how best to support clients and staff.”

A few of the strengths they identified within our Housing Program included staff training; that quality improvement is ever-changing to meet the needs of the clients; working with partnering landlords; on-site health clinic and health advocacy; equal access for persons with limited English proficiency; and Rose Brooks’ cultural competency plan and training.

Well done Housing Program Staff!

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**We Are Setting The Stage**

Join us for a glamorous evening with an intimate performance by one of the most multi-faceted entertainers today, Vanessa Williams! Throughout its 30-year history, CABARET has helped Rose Brooks Center provide care for more than 270,000 adults, children, and their pets. Let the tradition continue!

**Vanessa Williams**

We are setting the stage for another life-saving CABARET!

SUNDAY, FEB. 25th, 2018
Sheraton Crown Center
Learn more at www.rosebrooks.org/cabaret or Sarah Smith at Sarahc@rosebrooks.org

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Special thanks to presenting partner DST Master Complexity
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Gifts for Children and Teens
- Target or Wal-Mart Gift Cards
- Movie Passes
- Hoodies for All Ages
- Non-violent Toys for All Ages
- DVDs (English and Spanish)
- Sports Equipment
- Billfolds and Purses for Teens

Gifts for Women
- Nightgowns and Robes
- Women’s Slippers
- Curling Irons/Blow Dryers
- Alarm Clocks
- Bath Gel/Body Lotion Sets

Gifts of Warmth
- Children’s Coats/Hats/Gloves
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- Pajamas for Women & Children
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