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Breaking the cycle of domestic violence.
Up To 99%

The road to financial independence is different for everyone, but for the adults we serve at Rose Brooks Center, the road to independence is often much more difficult for many reasons. The biggest reason? Because they have endured economic and financial abuse - something which they have little to no control over.

Did you know that up to **99% of domestic violence survivors** suffer financial hardship *because* of their partner’s abusive tactics? These tactics take many forms, including employment-related sabotage, controlled finances, and coerced debt through forced credit card expenses. This is why Rose Brooks has a comprehensive Economic Empowerment Program that teaches strategies to improve financial stability.

In 2019, survivors in our program participated in workshops and individual sessions, giving them the strategies to improve financial stability regardless of their backgrounds or economic differences. By providing this education, survivors better understand debt, budgeting, credit scores and repair, advanced financial management, and so much more.

We thank The Allstate Foundation for their continued support of the program and for their “Moving Ahead Curriculum.” This financial empowerment resource provides Rose Brooks the ability to help survivors on their path to a solid financial future.

We also thank the case managers and advocates who facilitated workshops and **provided 851 hours of support** throughout the year. You help break the cycle of domestic violence by skillfully offering ways to overcome the devastating consequences of financial abuse.

A Closer Look

The Bridge Program™ of Rose Brooks Center is a hospital-based program that connects victims of domestic violence to services and support, all in the safety of the hospital setting. Advocates provide 24/7 on-call support to 12 area hospitals and clinics throughout the metro area. As one of our longest-standing community programs, The Bridge Program launched in Truman Medical Center 22 years ago, and has continued to evolve to meet the needs of the community as well as the healthcare system.

***PROGRAM UPDATE*** This year Rose Brooks Center’s Bridge Program team has established a new partnership with Saint Luke’s College of Health Sciences to provide training, consultation and direct service response to the college staff and faculty. Because helping professionals are **three times more likely** to be victims of domestic violence, this is a crucial step in providing additional care through the Bridge Program.

Many healthcare professionals are reluctant to disclose abuse in their own relationships because of the nature of their work. Having a Bridge Program advocate provide resources, connects the healthcare professional to further support without worry of privacy.

To learn more about all community programs, visit [rosebrooks.org/services/community-outreach/](http://rosebrooks.org/services/community-outreach/).
Do You Know The Signs?

Red Flags

Relationships with an abusive partner and relationships with healthy partners often start the same. As a matter of fact, romantic gestures that feel good can be major red flags in a relationship. Confusing, isn’t it? Let’s look at a couple of red flags to gain a better perspective:

1. **The abusive partner professes their love very early on.**
   - Be aware that long-lasting and healthy relationships require communication and trust, which take time to build.

2. **They want to spend all of their time with you (or text or call excessively).**
   - Requests for more time together can become toxic when you are pressured or feel guilty for spending time with others. Relationships should not be built on coercion and manipulation of emotions.

At Rose Brooks, we know the realities and dangers of an abusive relationship, and is the reason why we educate those we serve about red flags. Which, by the way, are not only seen at the beginning of a relationship. Sometimes red flags surface over time, making it very difficult for the victim to leave or disclose to those around them. Often the victim is the only one who sees the abuse. They feel afraid, ashamed, and isolated from the world, including their friends and family.

We also provide extensive education to the community, so they know how to respond to others when they suspect someone is in an abusive relationship. We ask them to believe the victim’s story... even when it seems unbelievable. For a victim, finally revealing the truth can bring a sense of hope.

Most importantly, Rose Brooks is here and we can help. Rose Brooks Center’s hotline is 816-861-6100.

To see more resources and a list of red flags, please visit [www.rosebrooks.org/facts-and-resources/](http://www.rosebrooks.org/facts-and-resources/).

Life Savers

Our monthly giving program is called “Life Savers.” For a few dollars a month, you will save lives by helping sustain Rose Brooks Center’s services and community programs, collectively reaching over 14,000 individuals annually.

Whether it is $10 or $100 each month, when you become a Life Saver, you will ensure survivors of domestic violence, along with their pets, find life-saving support. Please consider visiting [rosebrooks.org/how-to-help/donate/](http://rosebrooks.org/how-to-help/donate/) to set up your monthly donation. Simply select “recurring gift” to get started.

**Questions?**

For additional information please contact Katy at 816-605-7114 or katym@rosebrooks.org.

Visit us online at [rosebrooks.org/lifesaver](http://rosebrooks.org/lifesaver) to learn more about the impact of your monthly gift.

**Save lives for a few dollars a month**

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Corporate Champions

Rose Brooks Center’s Champions program describes a multi-dimensional partnership highlighting both organizations commitment to being champions for families and pets escaping domestic violence.

Allstate, because of your continued support, Rose Brooks has provided over 2,800 adults with critical tools to gain economic independence.

Over 32,000 nights of safety have been provided to family pets throughout Bayer’s 9-year giving history. Your advocacy of the animal-human bond is life-saving.

Life is a CABARET

Cabaret raises critical funds for the families and pets who find safety at Rose Brooks Center, and we would like to thank all of our guests and sponsors who remind us that we couldn’t save as many lives without them!

Rose Brooks would also like to thank our Safe Futures and Keeping Families Safe Partners for their extraordinary kindness.

Safe Futures – $30,000
Community America Credit Union
Delta Dental of Kansas
Sherman Family (+ matching gift)
Shirley and Barnett Helzberg

Keeping Families Safe – $15,000
Phil Greenfield & Jill Opelka Greenfield

Cabaret was Sunday, March 1, and raised over $500,000 in support of Rose Brooks’ mission.

There’s Never Been a Better Time

If you own stock that has increased in value since you purchased it, (and you’ve owned it for at least one year), you have a unique opportunity to make a difference. When you donate Securities to Rose Brooks Center, you receive the same income tax savings, if you itemize, that you would if you wrote Rose Brooks a check. But with donated Securities you receive the added benefit of eliminating capital gains taxes on the transfer, which can be as high as 20+ percent - with the added bonus of an income tax deduction, depending on the amount.

Making a gift of securities to support our mission is as easy as instructing your broker to transfer the shares.

P.S. There’s never been a better time to make this gift.

Questions about giving?
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