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Dear Friends,

Let me first say thank you for all of the incredible support you have provided Rose Brooks Center during these last many months. It’s impossible not to be grateful for your advocacy and genuine care as we consider all that we have been able to accomplish together in 2022.

I hope you all know that with your support you allow Rose Brooks Center the ability to serve those who need us most – those impacted by domestic violence. Accept our sincerest thank you for your part in helping keep individuals and pets safe, and for allowing many others in the community the ability to connect with a critical resource in order to live a life free from abuse.

As you look at the Impact Report, you will see a representation of the collective work provided to survivors and those affected by violence. One of the most profound results from last year is the number of individuals we spoke to on our 24/7 crisis hotline, totaling 11,707 calls. For those in danger, the hotline provides a listening ear, critical information, safety planning, and more. It is often an important first step toward finding safety and healing. It is just one example of the impact that is achieved by your kindness.

Within the Impact Report and throughout the newsletter, you will see and read about the lives of individuals who are seeking safety, support, and ultimately reclaiming their future. A future that will be brighter because of people like you.

With a grateful heart,

Lisa Fleming, CEO

An Ingredient to Healing

Rose Brooks Center’s ability to serve hot and nutritious meals is a vital component of the agency’s overall services. We are grateful for the many volunteers, community partners, local businesses, and foundations for supporting this element of care.

Many survivors arrive at Rose Brooks Center tired, hungry, and scared, having recently left their homes and everything familiar. Before they can begin to heal and fully concentrate, their basic needs must be met, including a warm meal.

Nutrition is an essential ingredient in helping survivors and their children heal from the trauma they have experienced. The stress of the abuse supersedes a survivors’ ability to care for oneself, which is further compounded because food is often withheld by abusers as a means to control their partners. All of this is understood and considered by our Rose Brooks Center chefs as they prepare and serve each and every healing meal. Read more about this program and its funders at inbloom.rosebrooks.org/an-ingredient-to-healing/
The Impact of a Crisis Hotline

As you have read, Rose Brooks Center's hotline received record numbers last year, with nearly 1,000 calls each month from individuals seeking help and support. Not everyone who calls is seeking emergency shelter, but for nearly every single one of them, it is where their Rose Brooks Center journey begins.

A hotline is a place where anyone can turn for help, 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year. For survivors who may be feeling overwhelmed or confused, hearing the voice on the other end of a crisis hotline can be the life-changing moment they need. Read an excerpt from one survivor explaining to her now adult daughter about the day she decided to make that life-changing call for herself . . . and for her children.

“I did consider what was happening to me domestic violence, but I didn’t know about abuse . . . because I had seen so many worse things in my life, and I didn’t know him hitting me was worse. I didn’t want that for my kids. I wanted my kids to know that life was not meant to be like that. It’s supposed to be peaceful. You were supposed to feel safe at home. And I just didn’t know how to get away. So I went ahead and made the call. I called Rose Brooks. And I’d have to say it was one of the best days of our life as a family to help bring us up. But it was a decision that I made that helped. It brightened our future, to help me to learn how to deal with domestic violence, how not to go back to it, how to recognize the signs, and to be able to move forward with my life.”

Learn more about the Hotline Program at inbloom.rosebrooks.org/the-impact-of-a-crisis-hotline/

Equity and Inclusion at Rose Brooks

In 1998, Rose Brooks Center staff established a Diversity Connections Committee to address the unique needs of clients from diverse backgrounds. Through the years, the Diversity Committee has continued to create and implement policies to improve and sustain diversity development, as well as equity and inclusion goals in all areas of the agency. This includes, but is not limited to: providing services for immigrant and refugee survivors; creating a Black Leadership Advocacy Council; implementing tools for equal access for persons with limited English proficiency; offering Trauma Informed Care and Universal Design for Accessibility training; publicly proclaiming Black Lives Matter; creating an Equity and Inclusion Committee; and more.

These committees exist to ensure that every aspect of the agency – along with every program, department, team, policy, procedure, form, decision, etc. – is actively working to shift the agency toward enacting its commitment to ending the different intersectional oppressions which impact victim-survivors of domestic violence.

We invite you to read more about our commitment to advancing principles and practice of equity and inclusion throughout Rose Brooks Center, including our partnership with the Health Forward Foundation, the Jackson County Community Mental Health Fund, and local equity and inclusion expert consultants to diversify our staff and board of directors. Visit: inbloom.rosebrooks.org/equity-and-inclusion-at-rose-brooks/
The Bridge Between Hospitals and Hope

Whether patients visit the hospital because of an ER visit or routine appointment, more than likely they will be asked the same question, “Do you feel safe at home?” What happens next is why Rose Brooks Center’s hospital-based program is called The Bridge Program™.

The Bridge Program launched in Truman Medical Center over 20 years ago, and has continued to evolve to meet the needs of the community as well as the healthcare system. Today, advocates provide 24/7 on-call support throughout 5 hospital systems, connecting survivors of domestic violence to services, all in the safety of the hospital setting. This “bridge” is created by the training Rose Brooks provides to hospital personnel on how to safely screen patients for domestic violence, and refer them to care. Learn more at inbloom.rosebrooks.org/the-bridge-between-hospitals-and-hope/

“Thank You For Helping Me Make a New Start”

Feedback from the individuals receiving services at Rose Brooks Center is incredibly important to the work we do and the quality of the services we provide. For emergency shelter residents, surveys are gathered every month regardless of an individual’s length of stay. Collecting feedback at every stage of a survivor’s stay not only captures perspective but allows them to process through their own stages of healing. Some of the most powerful quotes are the ones from survivors as they recognize their own strength and courage.

“I’m gaining my spirit and confidence back. Thank you to each and every one of you for helping me to recreate the beautiful life that my daughter and I deserve.”

“Thank you for helping me make a new start.”

“I am taking advantage of therapy and group as I am moving forward. I feel pride instead of guilt and shame.”

“Very grateful for this experience to heal and grow. Thank you.”

Save Your Cash By Donating Stock

Now is the time to take advantage of tax savings by donating stock to Rose Brooks Center! If you sell appreciated stock, you generally have to pay a capital gains tax on that value increase. But if you donate the stock to Rose Brooks Center, you can skip paying this type of tax. If you’ve owned the appreciated stock for more than one year and you itemize deductions on your tax return, you may be able to take a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the stock.

To make the process of stock giving easier for you, Rose Brooks has invested in a secure online tool that guides you through the process of donating stock in about 10 minutes. Please visit freewill.com/stocks/rosebrooks to learn more about this online tool.

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