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Dear Friends,

The holiday season is a time when we all reflect upon the past year, remembering the challenges, the heartaches, the good times and the achievements.

We want to share with you Rose Brooks Center’s reflections and our milestones over the past 40 years. Our challenges, successes, and the impact we have had on the lives of the families we see every day. Each of these moments was supported by you. You have allowed Rose Brooks Center to create groundbreaking and meaningful programs that support the families, kids and pets we serve, so they can be free - truly free of violence.

As you reflect on the year, please know how thankful we are that you continue to stand with us. When you stand with Rose Brooks, you stand for every victim seeking a way out of violence, every survivor who is healing, and you stand for peace and freedom, for everyone.

Happy Holidays,

Susan Miller

P.S. Our 24/7 help line is (816) 861.6100. Safe and confidential.
Rose Brooks is here.

Life-Saving Posters

Over a decade ago, Rose Brooks launched a poster campaign to reach victims of domestic violence in the safety of hospitals throughout the city. In October 2018, the campaign was updated with a very clear message: “We are here. We can help.” Now, in 14 hospitals and clinics around the city, patients, visitors, and staff will know:

“This is a Rose Brooks trained facility. Ask. Be safe.”

Comprised of eight unique posters, we want victims to know; Rose Brooks is here, you are not alone, and we can help you, because . . .

we believe you.

To learn more about our hospital-based Bridge Program™:
www.rosebrooks.org/services/community-outreach

Shelter’s an “Open Door”

One of Rose Brooks Center’s agency strategic goals is to improve quality in policy and practice. To that end, emergency shelter management has been hosting “open door” sessions, allowing shelter residents to share what is going well and what would serve them better. One recommended area surfaced through this process: accessibility to case managers. Here’s why.

To understand the “why,” you must first understand a case manager’s role. Case managers connect survivors with and help them network within community resources, help plan their physical and emotional safety, assist in obtaining housing, provide budget counseling, and so much more. As a matter of fact, sometimes they’ll even help you figure out the bus route to your new job . . . and then ride with you on your very first day. ♥

Because of all of this, case managers have adapted their schedules to be available both day and night.

To learn more about our Emergency Shelter:
www.rosebrooks.org
Looking Back While Moving Forward

Celebrate with us, as we walk through 40 years of milestones. Milestones that offered support, created safety, and gave a voice to those who needed it most - survivors of domestic violence. Join our promise to all survivors and victims, that we will be there for them, for as long as we are needed.

1979 Rose Brooks opened a shelter with 19 beds.

1978 Seven board members established a charter to support the community through shelters, hotlines, and education. On August 22, the Rose Brooks Hotline opened as a lifeline - a first of its kind.

1980 Expanded the hotline and shelter to include a Children's Program. Assisted in establishing four other shelters in the metro area to protect more survivors.

1985 Moved to new 35-bed shelter.

1987 1st National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

1991 Transitional Housing began with 9 homes.

1992 Project SAFE® began in 2 schools. Today, we are in more than 20 schools, supporting nearly 2,000 kids annually.

1993 Adult and Children's Therapy began.

1995 Shelter expanded from 35 beds to 50 beds.

1997 Began outreach therapy services, making support possible without living in shelter.

1998 Began a $9 million Capital Campaign for a new facility. The Bridge Hospital Program also began.

1996 Rose Brooks had 29 employees, and provided 11,690 nights of safety to survivors each year. Today, with 100+ employees, over 31,000 nights of safety are provided for those living in emergency shelter.

2000 That same year, staff established their first Diversity Committee.

2001 Moved to our new 40,000 square foot facility with 75 beds.

Also in 2001, the Court Advocacy Program was created to help survivors navigate the complex court systems.

2002 The Bridge Hospital Program led a community expansion to 24 hospitals and clinics.

2003 Transitional Housing received a national Best Practice Award.

2004 Start of Rose Brooks Center's Wellness Program.

2005 The grand opening of the on-site gym. Both initiatives continue to promote healing for residents and staff.

2006 Received 1st Grants to Encourage Arrest.

2009 Partnered with the KCPD to begin the Lethality Assessment Program, helping identify and provide services to those most likely to be killed by their partners.

2012 Shelter expanded to 100 beds.

At the same time, the PAWS Place on-site Pet Shelter opened. It was at capacity within 24 hours.

SafeCARE Health Clinic.

An on-site clinic was added, greatly minimizing the profound barriers victims of domestic violence face in accessing healthcare.

2016 Designated by the State Department as the Domestic Violence Shelter site to visit for international visitors. To date we have hosted 64 countries!

ROSE BROOKS IS HERE. Because you are standing with us, we will continue saving lives of every kind.

2018 Rose Brooks turned 40, and achieved accreditation by the Council on Accreditation (COA).

Thank you.
New, unwrapped gifts are collected at the Holiday Store and given directly to the families receiving services - helping them create a special holiday season, with a bright, safe future.

The Holiday Store is back!
Inside Ward Parkway Center (across from Five Guys)
8600 Ward Pkwy
Kansas City, MO 64114
For more information: www.rosebrooks.org/holiday-store

Gifts of Warmth
• Children’s Coats/Hats/Gloves
• Women’s Coats
• Pajamas for Women & Children
• Socks and Underwear for Women and Children
• Blankets, Sheets, and Pillows

Gifts for Her
• Visa Gift Cards
• Dishes, Cookware
• Women’s Slippers
• Curling Irons/Blow Dryers
• Bath Gel/Body Lotion Sets
• Journals and Date Books

Gifts for Children and Teens
• Target, Wal-Mart, Amazon GCs
• Movie Passes
• Ear Buds, Headphones
• Hoodies for All Ages
• Non-violent Toys for All Ages
• Sports Equipment
• Billfolds and Purses for Teens

Gifts of Peace can save lives all year long.
Visit the “giving tree” inside the Holiday Store, select an ornament with an amount, and you will make a lasting impact on the lives of each and every adult, child, and pet we serve.

Save-The-Date
December 3 - 18
Mon thru Sat: 10am to 8pm
Sun, 12/9: Noon to 5:30pm
Sun, 12/16: 11am to 7pm
Tues, 12/18: 10am to 6pm

Give this Holiday Season... Without Writing a Check!
Do you have money saved in a retirement plan, IRA or tax-sheltered annuity? Each of these plans contains income that has yet to be taxed. When a distribution is made from your retirement plan account, your beneficiaries will owe federal income tax. Consider leaving your loved ones less heavily taxed assets, and leaving your retirement plan assets to Rose Brooks Center to support our work. As a nonprofit organization, we are tax-exempt and will receive the full amount of what you designate to us from your plan.

Simply name Rose Brooks Center as a beneficiary of your plan by updating your beneficiary designation form through your plan administrator. You can designate Rose Brooks Center as the primary beneficiary for a percentage or specific amount.

A donor advised fund, appreciated stock, or life insurance policy are more ways to give. Your support ensures the life saving work of Rose Brooks Center will be here for all who need it . . .

Questions about giving?
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