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Breaking the cycle of domestic violence.
Who was Rose Brooks?

Rose Brooks was an ordinary woman living in a tumultuous time during the first half of the 20th century. She did what many women did, overcoming poverty and persevering through all of the trials she encountered during those years. Rose was born in 1893 in Kansas City, Kansas. The oldest of three, she quickly did her part and started working in a cracker factory as a packer. By the age of 17 she was married, and two years later gave birth to a son, Edward. During the ensuing years, the Brooks owned a boarding house on Southwest Boulevard which catered to railroad men passing through Kansas City, and other people who needed a warm place to stay and a hot meal. That house was sold and the home on Harrison was bought. This home too was always open to people in need of a place to stay for the night.

After Rose’s death, in memory of her generosity, her family donated the house to the organization that would later become Rose Brooks Center. The home was the site of our first 19-bed shelter.

“Rose was a caring mother, daughter, sister and grandmother,” says her granddaughter, Betty Brooks Gacom. “What is remarkable about our grandmother is that she was able to rise above all of her personal adversity and instill in our father, her only child, the value of hard work, high standards and even higher morals, enabling him to achieve the American Dream. We, her grandchildren, are thankful to her for raising our father with these values, who, in turn, passed them on to us.

We are honored and humbled to know that our grandmother, Rose Brooks, is remembered by such a remarkable organization as Rose Brooks Center. I’m sure our father, who donated his mother’s home after her passing, as well as Rose herself, would be humbled and amazed at how this organization has become so well-known and respected in the Kansas City area, as well as nationally. They both would be so very proud of the services the organization has provided for over 35 years.”
Making a Home for the Holidays

For more than 20 years, Rose Brooks Center has hosted a Holiday Store to collect gifts for the women and children in our emergency shelter. Holidays are difficult for families struggling with domestic violence, especially for those families who have had to leave their homes to escape violence. This year, please help us create a wonderful home for the families we serve during the holiday season and throughout the year.

For Mom’s Room
- Robes, Pajamas, and Slippers
- Sheets and Blankets
- Bras and Underwear

For the Kids’ Room
- Robes, Pajamas, and Slippers
- Twin Sheets and Blankets
- Jackets and Coats

For the Baby’s Room
- Pull-Ups
- Children’s Diapers
- Baby Shampoo, Lotion, Body Wash, and Baby Oil

For the Bathroom
- Full-size Shampoo and Conditioner
- Towels and Washcloths
- Feminine Products

For Under the Tree
- Gift Cards
- Art Supplies
- Sports Equipment
- Hoodies for all ages

For the Dog and Cat Houses
- Wet Cat and Dog Food
- Kongs and Other Toys
- Moist Treats
- Collars and Leashes

Gifts can be dropped off at Ward Parkway Center
8600 Ward Pkwy, Kansas City, MO 64114
Tuesday, December 2 – Thursday, December 18
Monday – Saturday: 10 am – 7 pm
Sunday, December 7: Noon - 5:30 pm
Sunday, December 14: 11 am - 7 pm

We ask that all gifts come new and unwrapped.

You can also make your year-end donation at the Holiday Store to support Rose Brooks Center’s programs and services.

Volunteers Needed
We need elves this season to decorate, collect items, and sort and wrap gifts.

If you or your community group, church, or business are interested in volunteering for the Holiday Store at Ward Parkway Center or at the shelter during the holiday season, please contact Joan at 816.523.5550 x417 or joan@rosebrooks.org
Thank You!

Thank you to all of our sponsors, attendees, donors, and supporters for helping Rose Brooks Center raise over $160,000 to support the women, children, and pets we serve!

A Time of Giving and Receiving

In this season of giving, please remember those who are still living with abuse through a generous, year-end donation to Rose Brooks Center.

Everyone has a right to live in a home free of violence and your gift today will provide a lifesaving stepping stone for someone in need.

Plus, if you pay taxes in the state of MO, tax credits can be awarded to you simply because you made a gift to help end the cycle of domestic violence.

For more information, visit www.rosebrooks.org/help-tax