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2015 marks the 14th year we’ve celebrated the Holiday Season in our current location. As the decorations start going up and preparations are being made, I can’t help but think back to that first exciting year in our brand new space. Everyone had such a feeling of wonder and gratitude as we moved through our new facility, clients and staff alike, a bit like children with a brand new toy.

14 years later, I’m struck by everything we’ve done since those first days in our new facility. We’ve expanded our programs, serving more people than ever before. We’ve started new programs, like the Lethality Assessment Program. Even our facility has undergone amazing changes since we moved in. Not only have we added an additional 25 beds for women and children, but we’ve built a pet shelter for their beloved animals and an on site clinic to make sure they are healthy and well. It’s really been an amazing 14 years for Rose Brooks Center.

None of these achievements would have been possible without supporters like you. Your generosity and kindness built our shelter and continues to wrap the individuals, families, and pets we serve in safety, support, and most of all hope.

All of us at Rose Brooks Center have a lot to be grateful for this holiday season, thanks to you.

Happy Holidays,

Susan Miller, CEO

P.S. Our 24/7 Crisis Line is 816.861.6100. We’re here for you.

It Can Be Done

Chara gives to Rose Brooks Center, every year, for a personal reason. “I like to give to Rose Brooks because I grew up in a domestic violence home.”

She shared there were many nights during her childhood when she, her mother and her sister left home and stayed with relatives. On those nights, the things in your home don’t matter. All that matters is finding somewhere safe to go. “Then I became the mother grabbing her child and leaving the house.” Chara, who has one now-grown daughter, Maddie, said her first marriage was abusive, but she always had a refuge.

“There are a lot of women out there who leave their house with their kids in the middle of the night with just the clothes on their back,” she said. “They have to go to a shelter. They don’t have a friend or a family member around the corner.” It’s important to her that every shelter gets the funding they need so they never have to turn a woman away.

“A lot of people don’t talk about domestic violence,” Chara said, but she says it’s nothing to be ashamed of. “If you don’t think it’s happening, look around your office. Someone to your left or to your right has experienced or is experiencing it.”

“The cycle of violence is real,” Chara said. “It’s hard work to break the cycle, but it can be done. It took me several years to find a healthy relationship that my daughter, Maddie, could witness so that she doesn’t fall into the same pattern that I did,” she said, “but, I did it.”
Gifts can be dropped off at Ward Parkway Center
8600 Ward Pkwy, Kansas City, MO 64114
Tuesday, December 1 – Thursday, December 17
Monday – Saturday: 10 am – 7 pm
Sunday – Mall Hours

We ask that all gifts come new and unwrapped.

"I’d never seen so many presents under the tree - it was awesome! Not only did my sister and I get exactly what we asked Santa for, but we got to give Mom a cool gift too!"
- Anthony and his sister Loni, former residents

Our Holiday Wish List
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 create a wonderful holiday for the families we serve.

Gifts for Children and Teens
• Target, Wal-Mart, iTunes,
• GenX Gift Cards
• Movie Passes
• Cameras and MP3 Players
• Hoodies for All Ages
• Non-violent Toys for All Ages
• Dolls and Stuffed Animals
• Videos (English and Spanish)
• Sports Equipment
• Billfolds and Purses for Teens
• Watches for Children and Teens
• Nail Polish Kits
• Axe Gift Sets
• Art Supplies and Craft Kits

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

Gifts for Pets
• Wet Cat and Dog Food
• Kongs and Other Toys
• Moist Treats
• Collars and Leashes
• Pet Beds

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

Gifts for the Home
• Towels and Washcloths
• Full-size Shampoo and Conditioner
• Feminine Products
• Baby Shampoo, Lotion, and Baby Oil
• Canned Fruits and Vegetables
• Cereal and Breakfast Bars
• Coffee, Tea, and Cocoa Mix
• Cleaning Supplies

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

Double your gift with Tax Credits. Learn more at www.rosebrooks.org/taxcredits
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As many as two-thirds of adult Americans don’t have Last Will and Testament. If you want to have the final decision about how your estate is distributed after you pass on, a Last Will and Testament is a vital document. This document:

• Can allow your family to minimize death taxes and other costs
• Lets you direct precisely who will receive all the property and assets
• Can contain a trust that provides financial security for family members
• Aids in avoiding the high cost of a lengthy probate process and can “catch” assets that weren’t mentioned someplace else
• Is your final expression of your personal values
• Enables you to assist friends, family, and the worthwhile causes and organizations

Visit http://rosebrooks.myplannedgift.org/ to learn more about Estate Planning, Planned Giving, and the Rose Brooks Center Guardians.

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February 28th, 2016

CABARET

Featuring Neil Sedaka

For more information visit www.rosebrooks.org/cabaret