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Breaking the cycle of domestic violence.
We Are Safe

Dear Friends,

Once again the holidays are coming upon us. People often ask me what it is like for families who live here in our shelter during this time of year. What comes to mind are the two concerns I hear most, from the moms. “Will I be able to provide gifts for my children?” and from the kids, “Will Santa be able to find me if I am not at home?”

Thanks to you and your generosity, the answer to both of these questions is yes. Your generous donations to our holiday store and the financial support you give at year-end allow us to be able to provide services and support for our families not only during the holidays but also the other eleven months of the year.

Thanks to you, Santa will be able to find them, and most importantly, as one mother states, “This is the best holiday we have ever had. We are safe.”

Our best to you this holiday season, friends of Rose Brooks Center. We are so very grateful for you.

Happy Holidays,

Susan Miller, CEO

P.S. Our 24/7 Crisis Line is 816.861.6100. We’re here to listen.

The PAWS Act

For many of us, pets are an important part of our life. They are loyal, can help overcome depression through their companionship, and provide us with unconditional love. But because of this special bond, they become vulnerable to the threats and tactics of abusive partners. We know from experience that having to leave a pet behind is a significant barrier to women leaving their partner. Creating a pet shelter in 2012 was one way Rose Brooks Center eliminated that barrier, sheltering up to 11 pets every night.

This fall, The Pet and Women Safety (PAWS) Act will be brought to Capitol Hill. The PAWS Act prohibits threats or an act of violence against pets, and mandates restitution for vet costs for the domestic violence survivor. This Act also provides critical funding for housing domestic violence survivors and their pets.

If you’d like to support the PAWS Act and protect pets along with their family members, please visit www.petandwomensafety.com. There you can learn more and ask a member of legislature to help protect pets.

“This is the first Christmas in a long time that is peaceful. I’m so thankful for Rose Brooks.”

- Steph, shelter resident
And The Award Goes To...

Rose Brooks Center is proud to be recognized as a 4-star charity by Charity Navigator, America’s premier independent charity evaluator. This is Charity Navigator’s highest possible rating and indicates that we adhere to sector best practices and execute our mission in a financially efficient way. Only 9% of the charities evaluated have received at least four consecutive 4-star evaluations. We are very proud of this extraordinary accomplishment for ourselves AND our donors!

“This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator sets Rose Brooks Center apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness.” - Charity Navigator

Area employers were named “Certified Healthy KC Organizations,” and Rose Brooks Center was one of 73 companies to receive a SILVER designation! The Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce’s Healthy KC was created to recognize area organizations for innovation and excellence in promoting a culture of health in the workplace. Rose Brooks Center proudly demonstrates this through an active and robust Wellness Program for both residents and staff. “Our program promotes self-care and trauma-stewardship activities, while encouraging a healthy lifestyle inside and outside of work. We understand that in order to take care of those suffering through trauma, that we must take care of ourselves as well.” - Eva Vlach, Wellness Committee

HOLIDAY STORE
Wish list

All donations received through the Holiday Store are given directly to the families receiving Rose Brooks Center’s services.

New, unwrapped gifts are collected at the Holiday Store.

Gifts for Children and Teens
- Target, Wal-Mart, iTunes
- GenX Gift Cards
- Movie Passes
- MP3 Players
- Hoodies for All Ages
- Non-violent Toys for All Ages
- Dolls and Stuffed Animals
- DVDs (English and Spanish)

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 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 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.

“IT felt awesome to pick out a gift for my mom. She deserves it.”
- Oliver, age 10

You can help make THIS HOLIDAY special and memorable for a little boy or girl LIVING IN SHELTER

Ward Parkway Shopping Center
December 5 – December 19
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Sunday - mall hours
Visit www.RoseBrooks.org for our client wish list. For information contact Joan at 816.605.7121.
We Know It’s a Big Decision

When you support our mission, we know it’s a big decision. Please consider the following ways to give, and make your gift go even further.

BECOME A MONTHLY LIFE SAVER
Whether it is $5 or $100 each month, you can make a huge impact on the lives of thousands of women, children, and pets. Some examples of impact include:

- **For $5 a month** ($60 each year) you could provide hot, nutritious meals for a woman or child for a week.
- **For $100 a month** ($1,200 each year) you could provide Project SAFE® violence prevention support groups to a school for an entire month.

For additional information, please contact Katy McCoy at 816-605-7114 or katym@rosebrooks.org. To donate, visit www.rosebrooks.org/how-to-help/donate/monthly-giving

PLANNED GIVING’S RIPPLE EFFECT
Be a part of our bright future and extend your support of Rose Brooks Center while leaving a life-saving legacy. Through Planned Giving your thoughtful consideration of a gift will have a ripple effect, saving lives years from today. Many tomorrows from now, there will be another mom, sister, or friend and Rose Brooks Center will be there ready to sit up at night, dry countless tears, and help her heal. To learn more about Planned and Estate Giving, Bequests, or other ways to give, visit: www.rosebrooks.planmygift.org

TAX CREDITS UNIQUE TO ROSE BROOKS CENTER
If you or your business pays taxes in Missouri, you may be eligible for Missouri Domestic Violence (DV) Tax Credits for up to 50% of your gift. It’s that easy! And because we know taxes can be confusing, we’ll help you out. Fill out less than 10 fields on the application form, sign it, mail to Rose Brooks...and you are finished. We do the rest! Visit: www.rosebrooks.org/how-to-help/tax-credit-and-stock

For additional information or help, please contact Marla Svoboda at 816-605-7110 or marla@rosebrooks.org

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**CABARET is 30!**

**30 YEARS OF ENTERTAINMENT**

**30 YEARS OF SAVING LIVES**

**30 YEARS OF CABARET**

Sunday, March 5, 2017

Honorary Chair Shirley Helzberg
Co-Chairs, Sherry and Gary Forsee

Learn More: www.RoseBrooks.org/Cabaret or Sarah Crowell at sarahc@rosebrooks.org

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**THANKS!**

FOR attending

ROSE BROOKS

CASINO

Save the Date for next years’ Casino Night!
Saturday, October 14, 2017

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Socialize with Rose Brooks Center
www.RoseBrooks.org