Since 1974 poor and homeless women have found an oasis of hope and nourishment at Rosie's Place. The mission of Rosie's Place is to help women maintain their dignity, seek opportunity and find security in their lives. With the help of people who believe change is possible and share our vision of justice, Rosie's Place accomplished amazing things in FY2012:

- 78,000 nutritionally balanced meals were served in our warm and cheery dining room.
- Rosie's Place Groceries allowed more than 1,800 women per month to take home 20 to 40 pounds of foods that their families prefer and enjoy.
- Rosie's Place's advocates scheduled over 1,000 appointments with guests each month. Assistance included clothing, housing, medical services, educational and employment opportunities, legal advice, transportation, and emergency funds for eviction prevention and prescriptions.
- 600 women found safety and nurturing in our short-term housing, while advocates worked with them to find permanent homes and secure the services they need.
- Our Homelessness Prevention Outreach program worked to break the cycle of chronic homelessness by providing in-home support to 70 guests who were at risk of becoming homeless.
- Our Outreach Van provided services and support each week to 45 women living on the streets within the neighborhood of Rosie's Place.
- The Women's Education program provided 240 women each semester with an opportunity to improve skills and increase self-sufficiency. We offered free ESL, GED preparation and Literacy courses all within our familiar and supportive environment.
- This year, our Health and Wellness Center delivered 7,000 visits and provided important services such as blood pressure checks, blood sugar measurements, weight monitoring and dispensing bandages and aspirin.
- More than 2,000 women participated in our art@rosiesplace program, which provided the opportunity for our guests to participate in a variety of classes and workshops, such as knitting, quilting and dance.
- The Women's Craft Cooperative, a successful social enterprise, employed nine women for their handcrafted work while providing critical job readiness skills.
- Our Friendly Visitor program offered companionship, conversation and support to women at local shelters and nursing homes who cannot come to Rosie's Place.
- Volunteers provided nearly 60,000 hours of service. This is the equivalent of 29 full-time employees.

Rosie's Place continues to rely solely on the enthusiasm of our volunteers and the generous support of individuals, foundations, and corporations. We do not accept funding from the city, state or federal government or the United Way. Thanks to these generous donations, 87 cents of every dollar raised goes directly to services for women and their children.
He gets a coat and gloves. 
You both get a warm feeling.

**VOLUNTEERING**

Cradles to Crayons currently has adult weekend spots available on the following dates:
* Saturday November 23rd 10-12pm (up to 10 spots available)
* Saturday December 14th 1-3pm (5 spots available)

Weekday spots are available and volunteers are needed in November and December, but Friday 1-3pm spots are full.

**During Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, on Tuesday 11/19, the VSLC will be sponsoring BC groups for shifts 10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm.**
**Sign up at volunteer@bc.edu. We will provide van transportation or you can drive yourself.**

If you or your colleagues would like to volunteer at any time as a BC group, please contact Kate Daly at the VSLC.
For non-BC groups contact: Colleen Ryan at Colleen@cradlestocrayons.org.

**VSLC HOLIDAY GIVING TREE**

Cradles to Crayons’ Give Back with an Outfit Pack has officially launched! This program allows students, faculty and staff to create an Outfit Pack from scratch. **The BC Volunteer and Service Learning Center partners with Cradles to Crayons through the VSLC Giving Tree. Pick up your outfit pack gift tag at the VSLC, in McElroy 114, beginning Friday, 11/22. All bags must be returned to the VSLC by Friday, 12/6.**

For more information contact Kate Daly at kate.daly@bc.edu

New this year: Old Navy is offering a 10% discount on anything purchased with a coupon code located on the Outfit Pack slip.
BOSTON COLLEGE
CLOTHING DRIVE

Support your local Allston-Brighton ABCD office and the low-income families of our community!

Donate your gently used clothes. Winter and professional clothing are preferred but all will be accepted!

November 18 - 21

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

VSLC Office (McElroy 114)
PULSE Office (Stokes N125)

Volunteer and Service Learning Center

sponsored by BC STUDENT AFFAIRS and

Questions: Contact Minh Ha at volunteer@bc.edu
**Vision:** The Boston College Neighborhood Center opened its doors on Washington Street in the heart of Brighton Center in January 1995. The Center was founded as an agency through which Boston College could provide resources to the Allston-Brighton community. In correlation with the mission of Boston College, the Center is committed to the university’s Jesuit ideal of service. We seek to offer opportunities that will enhance a student’s college experience while simultaneously meeting the needs of the Allston-Brighton community to the greatest extent possible.

**Resources:** Our biggest resource is Boston College students (undergraduate and graduate). Each year the Boston College Neighborhood Center mobilizes hundreds of students in the Allston-Brighton community through our service programs. Additionally, the Center’s location which is directly in the neighborhood affords us the opportunity to provide outreach to the Allston-Brighton community, act as a clearinghouse for information for both the Boston College and Allston-Brighton communities as well as help to facilitate the many partnerships that Boston College cultivates with the Allston-Brighton community.

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Assistant Director: Moe Maloney  
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**Services:**
**BCNC English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program:** Free conversational classes are offered to those who live and/or work in Allston-Brighton and who are at advanced beginner and intermediate levels. Classes are held at the Neighborhood Center and at various sites in the Allston-Brighton community. Classes are taught by members of the Boston College community.
Services (continued):
Help Educate through Athletic Responsibility (H.E.A.R) Program: Boston College student athletes mentor elementary age children through this assembly style program. The student athletes interact with children by sharing personal experiences and fielding questions about college and athletics. The program’s purpose is to motivate and encourage children to stay in school and dream big. Currently all elementary schools in Allston-Brighton participate in this program.

BCNC Literacy Partnership (BLPP) Program: The Neighborhood Center’s children’s literacy program whose mission is to promote literacy among Boston’s elementary age students. Boston College undergraduate and graduate students receive work-study funds to provide in-class tutoring to children in elementary schools in Allston-Brighton. Currently, the Edison K-8, Jackson Mann K-8, St. Columbkille Partnership and Winship Elementary Schools participate in the program.

BCNC Service Day Program: Members of the Boston College community collaborate with local non-profit organizations to assist with service projects. Past projects have included: park beautification, church, school and public housing clean-ups, food distribution, nursing home visits, working with youth and more. Generally, service days are held on a Saturday and occur in the fall and spring.

BC Strong Women, Strong Girls (SWSG) Program: The Neighborhood Center sponsors the Boston College chapter of SWSG, a national organization that has as its mission “creating communities of strong and successful women today and supporting the strong and successful women of tomorrow.” SWSG created an innovative after school model that uses the study of contemporary and historic female role models, mentoring relationships with college undergraduate women, and skill building activities to help at-risk girls in grades 3-5 build positive self-esteem and skills for life-long success. The Boston College chapter mentors meet with small groups of girls on a weekly basis at the following sites: Edison K-8 School, Gardner Pilot Academy, Jackson Mann K-8 School, Mary Lyon K-8 School, St. Columbkille Partnership School, Winship Elementary School and West End Boys & Girls Club.

BCNC Tutoring Programs: Our Tutoring Program matches students from the Allston-Brighton community with Neighborhood Center volunteers (members of the Boston College community) for one on one tutoring with their school work. The tutoring is based around a child/family's schedule and occurs on a weekly basis on the Boston College campus.