



# CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF SOUTHERN NEBRASKA

## Hope in the Good Life

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St. Rose of Lima/Florence Buresh

### A gift from the heart

For centuries, Saint Rose of Lima has held a special place in the hearts of the faithful. The tenth of thirteen children, she was born on April 30, 1586 and was baptized Isabel De Flores Y Del Oliva. Because of her lovely rose-colored cheeks, everyone called her "Rose." In 1597 she chose Rose as her confirmation name.

Rose was drawn into spiritual life from an early age. She began fasting three times a week, and secretly performed many penances. Known for her beauty, her parents wanted her to marry but Rose rejected all the suitors and took a vow of virginity. At the age of twenty Rose became a Dominican Tertiary and continued to live in her parent's home. Rose tenderly cared for the sick, even

those with repulsive wounds, and she often obtained miraculous cures for people from the Child Jesus. Her compassion for those in poverty lead her to be known as "Mother of the Poor."



Rose would often do embroidery work and sell her items to support her family and the poor. She truly felt called to use her God-given talents to help those in need in any way she could.

Florence Buresh feels that call as well. Florence has loved to sew and create items all her life. When she was 8 or 9, she would take scraps of material her mother would give her and make dresses for her dolls. In 1998, Florence began making king and queen-sized quilts for her children for Christmas presents. She

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**Last holiday season, our Food Markets provided 660 holiday food baskets to our neighbors across southern Nebraska**

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### *A gift from the heart (continued)*

creates the pieces, puts them together, and then has a friend in Columbus do the actual quilting. As her family grew, she made quilts for her grandchildren for Christmas, graduation gifts and more.

Soon Florence began donating her quilts- first to Villa Marie School for a fundraiser, then to David City Aquinas for an event. She then contacted Catholic Social Services and has been donating quilts to us for over ten years. For the past few years Florence has donated a quilt to Carole Fest, a benefit for St. Gianna Women's Homes (SGWH). The quilt is raffled off at the event with all proceeds going to support the women and children served at SGWH. Florence is pictured on the front of this newsletter with her creation she is donating to this year's Carole Fest. For Florence, it's a chance to use the talents God blessed her with to help others. "Besides" Florence says with a smile, "what else would I do will all this material?"

Thank you Florence, for using your gifts to help bring Hope in the Good Life!

**CAROLE FEST**  
A HYBRID BENEFIT FOR  
ST. GIANNA WOMEN'S HOMES

Sunday, December 18, 2022  
3:00 PM  
St. John the Apostle Church  
Lincoln, NE  
cssshope.org

The poster features a dark purple background with a faint image of a church interior. The title "CAROLE FEST" is written in large, ornate, yellow-green letters. Below it, the text "A HYBRID BENEFIT FOR ST. GIANNA WOMEN'S HOMES" is written in a smaller, similar font. At the bottom left, there are three lit candles in purple and pink. The event details are listed at the bottom right.