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ARTEMIS CENTER ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF NEW 24/7 HOTLINE FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

DAYTON (June 30, 2017) –Artemis Center for Alternatives to Domestic Violence announces the launch of a new, **24/7 Domestic Violence Services Hotline. – 937.461.HELP (4357)**. Effective June 30, 2017, this new, confidential and secure hotline will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The hotline will be answered by expertly trained Artemis Center advocates, who provide skilled trauma informed support services to domestic violence victims in our community.

Artemis Center is excited to now deliver seamless advocacy support 24/7 for clients seeking help. Through the hotline, Artemis Center advocates deliver high-quality crisis intervention, safety planning and lethality assessments for victims. Additionally, the hotline acts as the portal to connect not only victims and survivors with services 24 hours per day, but also acts as a support link to family members, friends and our community when they have questions about domestic violence and how to help those in need.

Although Artemis Center advocates will no longer answer the 937-222-7233 line, we remain committed to making sure survivors are connected to the local domestic violence shelter and have a one button transfer for those seeking shelter services.

“Since our founding, we have remained steadfast in our commitment to help empower victims in making decisions and choices that will establish and maintain safety for themselves and their children,” said Artemis Center Executive Director Jane Keiffer. “We have served more than 100,000 victims with crisis intervention, safety planning, education, and support, now operating our own 24/7 hotline is just one more way in which we are fulfilling our mission of leading the community in its commitment to end domestic violence.”

Artemis Center, established in 1985, offers intervention services for victims of domestic violence, including child & family therapy, adult therapy, support groups, criminal court accompaniment to five municipal courts in Montgomery County, civil court accompaniment, and advocacy services. All Artemis Center services are free to victims of domestic violence and their children. This hotline serves as a gateway, allowing victims to be immediately linked to the variety of services offered by the organization.

Artemis Center delivers domestic violence education and prevention programs throughout the community, including the Montgomery County Children Services (MCCS) four-week education group for non-offending parents who are involved with MCCS, the Women Who Use Force 12-week education group for victims who were charged with domestic violence but are not abusers, and a MonDay seven-week education group providing domestic violence education for incarcerated women prior to their release.

For more information about Artemis Center programs and services or the new 24/7 Domestic Violence Service Hotline, please visit www.artemiscenter.org.

If you or someone you know needs help with domestic violence, call 937.461.HELP (4357).

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ABOUT ARTEMIS CENTER

Artemis Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that has been providing vital trauma informed services to victims of domestic violence and their children for over 30 years, serving more than 100,000 victims/survivors in Montgomery and surrounding Counties. Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women – more than auto accidents, rape, and muggings combined.

Artemis specializes in services and programs beyond the traditional housing and safety offered by domestic violence shelters. Their goal to help end domestic violence in our community takes a three prong approach:

- **Support, empower, and provide hope to victims of domestic violence and their children through direct services**
- **Educate the community through advocacy, training, and marketing**
- **Coordinate, support and lead community efforts to respond to and prevent domestic violence**

ARTEMIS CENTER SERVICES:

- Crisis intervention/support via both phone and walk-in appointments
- Individual Adult and Child Therapy
- Family Therapy
- Support Groups
- Criminal Court Accompaniment (5 municipal courts in Montgomery County)
 - Artemis advocates will accompany victims at all stages of the court process, as well as provide assistance with Crime Victims' Compensation applications, Victim Impact Statements, and referrals to community resources (including AC for additional services)
- Civil Court Accompaniment
 - Artemis advocates help with Civil Protection Order paperwork and accompany victims to court proceedings
- Montgomery County Children Services (MCCS) - 4 week education group for non-offending parents who are involved with MCCS
- Women Who Use Force - 12 week education group for DV victims who were charged with DV but are not abusers
- Mon Day - 7 week education group provides domestic violence education for women who are incarcerated prior to release
- Women's Therapeutic Court Docket –immediate advocacy provided for victims who are in need of safety planning and support
- CAREHouse Advocacy Program - An Artemis Center advocate works with non-offending parents who are also involved with CAREHouse
- Victim Advocacy with systems and community partners, such as attorneys, education providers, landlords, etc. to help reduce barriers for victims

Artemis Center believes that domestic violence is a societal problem experienced in our community, and the solution must be community-based. Artemis takes a leadership role to network with other service providers to meet victim needs. www.artemiscenter.org.