
Artemis Center Summer Newsletter 2020



Artemis Center's Response to Racism as a Health Crisis

It has taken us some time to put our words, feelings and actions on paper but we want to unequivocally declare that Black Lives Matter. At Artemis Center, we strive to serve our diverse community with our focus on the safety of survivors of intimate partner violence and their children. We bear witness to the fact that many of our clients express fear not only of their abusers but also of the systems they interact with. We know that Black women and other people of color have been marginalized and discredited because of the color of their skin. As advocates, we are compelled to speak out for justice and equality. We must do our part to dismantle the foundations of systemic racism, which occurs in our institutions.

As a feminist organization, comprised of mostly white women, we have to address our part in the recognition and prioritization of Black women and other women of color within the feminist movement. We understand that we must take an intersectional approach to the work we do each day and use that lens as a means to work within the entire community. We are acutely aware that Black women and other women of color are murdered at a higher rate than white women and they experience greater barriers to achieving safety. Because of this, we must work even harder to help save lives. We will intentionally seek feedback from survivors regarding our services through conversations and surveys, and we are committed to honoring the voices of Black survivors and other survivors of color.

We are making a commitment, now, to look at the history and cultural make-up of our organization, and to do the work to ensure that we reflect the community we serve. We know this will be an on-going process, and that we must do better. Our staff, along with our Board of Directors, is working on a plan of action, which will include improving our understanding of our own biases and blind spots, and identifying ways we can better serve our clients and the community on an ongoing basis. We commit to being held accountable in this effort by tracking our progress publicly on our website and in our newsletter.

Artemis Center believes that the inequitable systems that have been oppressing Black people and other people of color must be changed, and we will stand as partners and allies with those who are committed to making those changes.

“Until we are all free, we are none of us free.” –Emma Lazarus

Jane Keiffer, MSW, LISW-S, and the Artemis Center Team



Artemis Center Client Story



Jessica called the Artemis hotline and said she needed help with a protection order. She wasn't sure if Artemis was meeting with clients during the pandemic, but she was afraid to go to court alone. Within two hours, an Artemis advocate met Jessica at court. While filling out paperwork Jessica mentioned to her advocate that she hadn't disclosed everything to the police because she was scared to share some of the details and because her abuser hit her in the head during the assault, which made it a struggle to remember details of the assault immediately after it occurred. Jessica wanted to hold her abuser accountable for the memories that were surfacing and asked for help. The advocate linked Jessica with an attorney, asked the law enforcement agency senior staff for a detective who would be sensitive and trauma-informed, and accompanied Jessica to the interview to report the newly remembered abuse. The advocate also made a series of calls to the court and to an out-of-county law enforcement agency to ensure Jessica's batterer was served with the protection order as soon as possible.

Jessica mentioned to her advocate that she lost her job due to COVID-19 layoffs, so Artemis assisted her with food for herself and her kids. Artemis also helped her with safety planning and safety items, including window alarms and a gift card to Home Depot so she could purchase security equipment specific to her residence. Jessica began attending a support group the following week and continues to find that connecting with other survivors has been validating.

We Are Going Virtual
For Domestic Violence
Awareness Month!



Click Here
for the
Nomination
Form!

- We are accepting nominations for our 2020 Dayton Men Against Domestic Violence Campaign
- Nominees should be leaders in the community who are willing to stand against domestic violence
- Chosen participants will be featured on our social media accounts throughout the month of October

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Virtual Fundraising Breakfast

Thursday • OCTOBER 15 • 2020

- Save the date for October 15th to join us for our 8th annual fundraising breakfast
- This important fundraiser is an enlightening and heartfelt event that raises money to help provide vital services to domestic violence survivors and their children
- The event is virtual and free to attend.
- View sponsorship opportunities [here](#)

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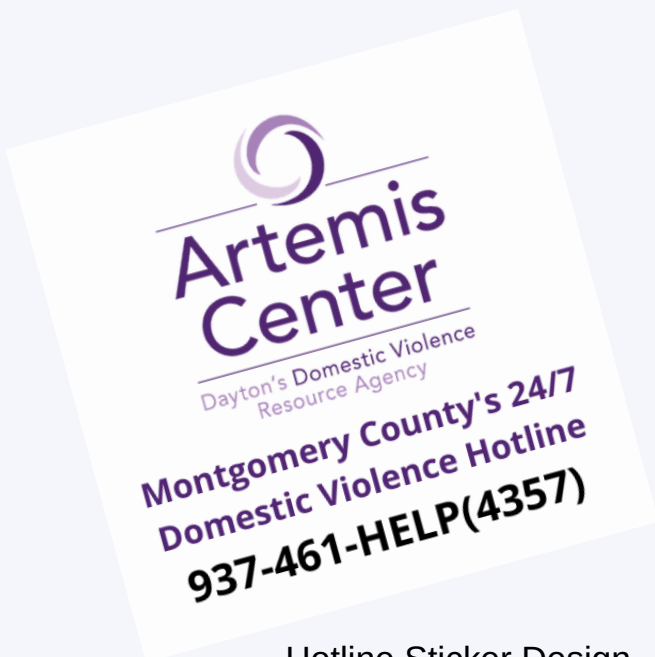
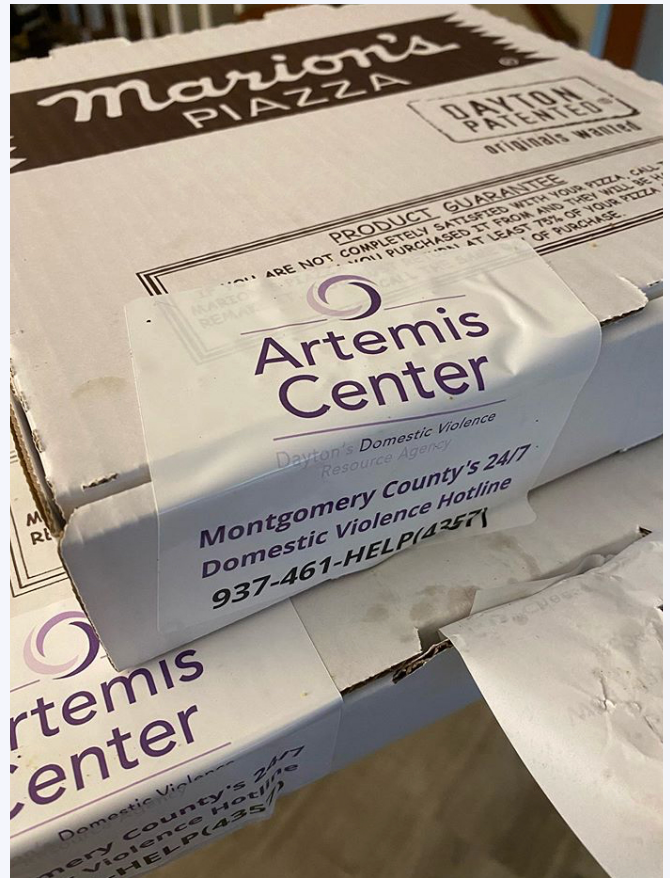
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- Join us for our first Breaking the Cycle Virtual 5K+ during the month of October
- Walk, run, bike, hike, or paddle a 5K to support survivors of domestic violence
- This virtual 5K+ can be completed in your own neighborhood, at the trail of your choice, or even on a treadmill.
- View sponsorship opportunities [here](#)

Hotline Sticker Project

Artemis Center is working with local businesses and organizations to share our domestic violence hotline number with the community to reach those that might need our help. Over 40,000 stickers have been distributed to local stores, restaurants, and food pantries to be placed on items being received by the community. To-go bags, pizza boxes, online retail orders, and food pantry packages have all been given out donning our stickers. Our goal is to reach more survivors who are isolated in their homes during this uncertain time.



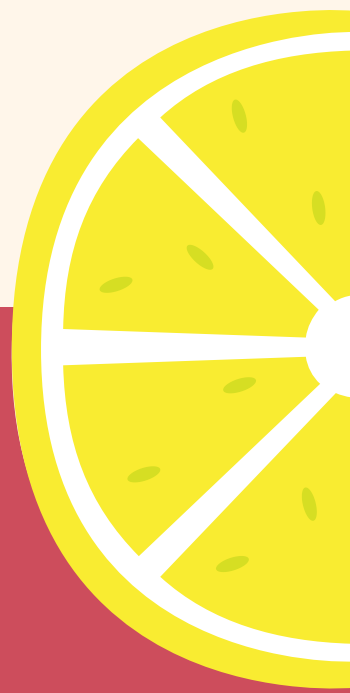
Hotline Sticker Design
All stickers are 4"x4" in size

This project was made possible by the generous support of Montgomery County and The Physician's Charitable Foundation of the Miami Valley. If your organization or business would like stickers to distribute, please reach out to Erin W. at either 937-531-5710 or erinw@artemiscenter.org. We appreciate our community's assistance with sharing our hotline number!

Donor Spotlight

A few weeks ago, we received a phone call from a mother of four children. She said that she had a donation that she wanted to bring to Artemis, and shared that her kids decided that they wanted to raise money for Artemis through a lemonade stand and a car wash. The kids were excited to hand-deliver the money to us, and arrived at our building with a plastic cup filled with both cash and coins. They were beaming, clearly very proud of their hard work and the donation. As we talked, the mother shared that several years ago, she received services from Artemis Center. She was surprised that her kids remembered, and did not realize what an impact those services had made on her family. It was a beautiful reminder of the gift of care. When she was shown care and compassion from our advocates, that experience had a positive impact on her life, and in turn, had an impact on the lives of her children. Since our building is not completely open due to Covid-19,

the kids were disappointed that they couldn't go inside. Along with our thank you note for the donation, they also received an invitation to come tour the building when it is open. Thank you again, to these young philanthropists who are helping to break the cycle of violence!



Now Scheduling Safe Dates for the 2020-2021 School Year!



Teachers and Home-school Parents:

Artemis is happy to announce we are now providing a research-based prevention curriculum to address teen dating violence. The curriculum is focused on 6th through 12 graders and is free of charge. Sessions include topics on healthy versus unhealthy relationships, how bystanders can help someone who is in an abusive relationship, healthy communication, and more. Due to Covid-19, Artemis will be providing both in person facilitation as well as facilitation via Zoom for students being home-schooled. If you would like more details or if you would like to schedule Safe Dates in your school please contact Megan R. at meganr@artemiscenter.org or 937-531-5703.

Building Hope Holiday Program

Details for our 2020 Building Hope Holiday Program will be available in October. If you have questions or are interested in adopting a family or hosting a drive for the first time, please email our holiday program team at BHHP@artemiscenter.org.



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