# Report to the Community 2020



Dayton's Domestic Violence Resource Agency

### Letter from the Executive Director

2020 was a year filled with much uncertainty. Artemis Center, like many others, had to find a way to navigate a new normal and serve survivors of intimate partner violence in the midst of a pandemic. Our staff was quick to make services such as support and education groups, therapy sessions and one-on-one appointments available through virtual platforms. Our advocates helped survivors continue to receive the services needed while keeping safety a top priority. With the addition of a chat feature to our website, our 24/7 hotline became even more accessible to those seeking help.

Early in the pandemic, our advocates noticed a significant decrease in hotline calls. This drop in calls was concerning, but expected. With survivors at home with their abusers, the availability to reach out for help was limited. A unique outreach project was launched to reach out to those who may not know how or who to turn to for help. We created a sticker with the Montgomery County Domestic Violence Hotline number (937) 461-HELP and distributed over 50,000 to the community. We partnered with food pantries, restaurants, libraries and grocery stores who all placed the stickers on to-go orders, grocery and retail bags to get the hotline number out to households in a non-threatening way.

As our staff continued to work independently from home, and the stay at home orders began to lift, we began to see a steady increase in calls to the hotline. These calls were more lethal, often involving weapons, strangulation and hostage situations. Survivors were in need of necessities and safety items. Artemis was able to provide those in need with gas cards, grocery cards, food and toiletries from our pantries and window alarms and door stops. Our team made sure that clients were also connected to other resources and partners in the community to increase their safety.

2020 was a difficult year for everyone. I am so incredibly proud of the Artemis Center staff, for their seemingly effortless change in course to better serve our clients, and for providing seamless services that have reduced isolation and increased safety for thousands of survivors and their children. We are so thankful for the support of our community and for those who continued to donate and connect with us throughout the year.

Jane Keiffer, MSW, LISW-S | Executive Director

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## Financials (unaudited)

Revenue	
Government Grants	1,150,256.15
Contributions	\$ 502,938.67
United Way Contributions	\$ 56,088.57
In-kind Support	\$ 41,362.77
Special Events	\$ 74,916.32
Investment Gain	\$ 197,131.89
Total	\$ 2,022,694.37

# Highlights

- Our Building Hope Holiday program was a bit different this year, instead of physical gifts, many of our clients requested gift cards, which was an easier option for our families. Our donors made sure that every family had what they needed. Over \$15,000 in gift cards were donated, along with over \$6,000 in gifts from our Amazon wish list. The total in monetary and in-kind donations for end of year 2020 was over \$85,000 thanks to our generous community!
- This year, Artemis was able to make some safety updates to our building. Grant funding allowed us to install bullet resistant film on many of our indoor and out door windows and doors.
- 2020 showed the resilience of our staff and highlighted the importance of the work of Artemis Center advocates. The severity of abuse began to rise when the pandemic hit, and our clients were experiencing more lethal situations while at home with their abuser. One of our clients, \*Kathy had been working with Artemis advocates for the past 2 ½ years, and had experienced some of the most lethal abuse they had ever seen. While experiencing the severe mental and physical abuse, Kathy was also struggling with substance abuse. Kathy became so fearful for her life that she would document and photograph every instance of abuse she endured. During this time, Kathy had

**Expenses** 

Management and General

Program

Total

become pregnant, she was assaulted so severely that she gave birth at 26 weeks. A short time after the birth of their son, her abuser was sent to prison for a parole violation. Kathy was able to get into residential treatment and her Artemis advocate was able to go visit her. Now, over one year sober, Kathy was able to testify against her abuser in court. She is living a healthy life and will be able to reunite with her son soon. Artemis was able to help Kathy safety plan to keep her and her son as safe as possible, and ultimately helped her to make decisions that would save her and her son's life.

\$ 1,119,679.43

\$ 1,742,063.49

622,384.06

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\*name changed for privacy and safety

# By the Numbers

#### 5,921

#### Survivors of Domestic Violence

Survivors and their children were provided life-saving programs and services at no cost to them.

#### 4,512

## Hotline Crisis calls

Calls were answered by Artemis Center Advocates.

#### 42

## Temporary Hotel stays provided

Survivors were provided hotel stays funded by Artemis Center and Ohio Domestic Violence Network to offer a safe place for a two week period.

#### 439

#### Child Therapy Sessions

Sessions provided by Artemis Center Therapists.



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