

A photograph of a winter landscape. In the foreground, there is a snow-covered ground with some low-lying bushes. In the middle ground, there are several bare trees covered in a thick layer of snow. In the background, a building with a yellowish-brown facade is visible through the trees. The sky is a pale blue.

Winter Newsletter 2022

Artemis  **Center**
Dayton's Domestic Violence Resource Agency

Executive Director's Corner



Thank you for all of the support you have given Artemis Center this past year. As we navigate the pandemic and its impact on survivors, your generous assistance has allowed us to continue offering critical services, including the Montgomery County Domestic Violence Hotline, safety planning, emotional support, material support (i.e., your donated food, hygiene items, and gift and gas cards) and therapy for survivors and their children.

Artemis Center is Dayton's only dedicated agency focused solely on domestic violence survivors and their children. We ensure that the needs of survivors will never become secondary, specifically to victims of crimes such as sexual assault or human trafficking, which are often more readily understood by the public. Artemis Center works to educate our community on the effects of domestic violence on families and on our community as a whole. Did you know that Artemis Center is only one of five non-shelter domestic violence agencies in the state? The majority of survivors never go to a shelter, but over the past 35 years more than 100,000 survivors right here in the Miami Valley region have received Artemis Center services.

Highlights From 2021 Include:

- During the first 11 months, Artemis staff answered over 6,000 crisis calls, met with over 300 individuals who came to Artemis without an appointment, and provided over 600 child therapy sessions.
- The Artemis Center mission was updated to: “Working with the community to empower survivors to heal and live free of domestic violence.” This statement, I believe, more accurately reflects the partnership between Artemis and the community in our efforts to help survivors get safe and heal.
- Artemis participated with Ohio Domestic Violence Network (ODVN) and local lawmakers in Advocacy Day at the State House in Columbus. This joint effort persuaded the Ohio General Assembly to increase the state budget line-item for domestic violence services from \$1 million to \$7.5 million for the next 2 years. (The state budget provided Artemis Center with \$80,000 in operating funds in 2021.)
- I was asked and agreed to serve on the ODVN Board of Directors. This will give Artemis a voice at the state level, allowing us to advance our work on behalf of survivors. Our collaborative relationship with ODVN goes back decades and has always made us better and more successful advocates for domestic violence survivors.
- June marked my 25th anniversary of employment at this amazing agency. I am humbled by this honor and feel so incredibly proud of our services, the professionalism of our staff, and our commitment to meeting survivors where they are in their lives. I remain energized by our strong collaborations with community partners, too many to name, who stand beside us in their commitment to serve survivors and their families.

Lastly, I want to take this opportunity to thank our staff. Their hard work and dedication are the reason so many former clients tell us that Artemis Center saved their lives.

On behalf of myself, our staff and the Board of Directors, thank you for all of your support of survivors and the Artemis Center mission. We look forward to continuing this vital work in 2022.

Sincerely,
Jane Keiffer, MSW, LISW-S
Artemis Center Executive Director

New Employee Spotlight



Michaela R. - Victim's Advocate

"My favorite thing about Artemis are the kind coworkers I have the great fortune of working side by side... I feel that I have joined a sort of sisterhood in some way."

Katherine L. - Victim's Advocate

"I love helping families because there is hope and peace at the end of abuse. Helping clients learn more about resources and helping them feel they can be successful is such a rewarding thing."



Michael M. -

Marketing & Communications Coordinator

I wanted to work with an organization that made a difference in the community that I live in.



THANK YOU to our 2021
volunteers and donors!



**314 HOURS OF
VOLUNTEER
SERVICE IN
2021!**

Our 2021 Year End Appeal
raised over **\$60,000** in
general operating funds!

BUILDING HOPE HOLIDAY PROGRAM



**611 GIFT
CARDS
DONATED!**

A special thank you goes to our Building Hope Holiday Program donors and volunteers. We were able to help **47 families** have a holiday season filled with a little more joy in 2021!

**OVER \$29,000
IN TOTAL IN-
KIND SUPPORT!**



57 DONORS!

SYNCHRONY

gave over 50
Christmas morning
kits for families. Kits
included items like
pancake mix, hot
cocoa, and
marshmallows!



THANK you!

DAYTON REALTORS

donated \$4,160
worth of gift cards
to our Building
Hope Holiday
Program!

DANIS

provided a truck
load of toys
totaling \$4,500
through their
annual company
toy drive!



2021 Foundation Partner Highlights

Artemis Center received a **\$350,000** multi-year gift from **Aloft Dayton: Advancing Racial Equality** to continue our 24/7 hotline and to aid in financial assistance to clients. This gift will also be used to provide equitable resources to women of color, specifically African immigrants and refugees who seek our services.

Artemis Center received a **\$100,000** grant from **Kohl's** to support DV services. Our local Kohl's stores are true community partners, often referring employees who need our services and donating in-kind items throughout the year.

The Dayton Foundation granted Artemis Center over **\$7,000** through their Basic Human Needs Grant for beds and bedding-providing much needed items for our families!

Ohio Domestic Violence Network & Artemis Center Honor Rep. Phil Plummer



ODVN and Artemis Center honored Rep. Phil Plummer with a Leadership in Policy Award in December 2021. Rep. Plummer was recognized for championing increased funding for DV services: Ohio's 2-year budget includes \$7.5 million for DV services, a significant increase over the last biennium. ODVN's, Mary O'Doherty and Bernadette Rieger along with Artemis Center's, Jane Keiffer thanked Rep. Plummer for making Ohio a better place for DV survivors.

In Memory of Joe Bettman

It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to our dear friend, Joe Bettman. Joe was an inspiration to the entire Dayton community. He worked diligently to ensure the betterment of our community's wellbeing through his acts of service, including, co-founding the House of Bread in 1983. Joe and his wife Elaine have been long-time supporters of Artemis Center. Joe most recently served on the Dayton Men Against Domestic Violence Campaign in 2019. We are so thankful for the time and talents that he shared with us throughout the years.



Joe will be greatly missed, and our deepest sympathies go out to Elaine, the rest of his family and friends.



If you or someone you know is
in need of help, call our 24/7
Hotline at 937-461-HELP(4357)



2022 Save the Date...

February - Teen Dating Violence
Awareness Month

March 8th - Open House

October 20th - Breaking The Cycle
Fundraising Breakfast

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MAILING LIST AND STAY
CONNECTED!**



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