

SURVIVOR SUCCESS STORY

When Maria reached out to us in 2022 to update us on how she was doing, it was a fantastic reminder of our mission, and just how important it is for us to continue providing life-saving services to our community.

Annie,
I am eternally grateful for the compassion and support I received from you at Artemis during such a traumatic experience. It gave me the courage to move forward, knowing that what happened to me was wrong. I'm so happy to now feel safer and like I can exist in my city with my abuser under a protection order. Thank you for all you do to help women. It is inspiring.
Kindly, Maria

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BY THE NUMBERS

4,551

Survivors of Domestic Violence

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

6,437

Hotline Crisis Calls

Calls were answered by Artemis Center Advocates.

887

Walk-Ins

Survivors came to our location to receive support and services directly from advocates.

283

Court Accompaniments

Advocates helped survivors navigate the legal system.



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Report to the Community

From the Executive Director



“She gave me the strength to get through it.”

That quote was shared by a survivor during one of our support groups. Our advocates play an integral role in the lives of those we serve. Many survivors share how challenging, lonely, terrifying and overwhelming it can be to navigate the world with an abuser sabotaging their decisions. Our advocates create a safe space for the survivor to share their most personal and emotional experiences, to be able to process their feelings without judgement and validate they are not alone.

It is our advocates who answer our 24/7 hotline, respond to web chats, facilitate support groups, meet with survivors when they come in without an appointment, accompany them to civil and criminal court and advocate on their behalf. It is advocates’ training, knowledge and experience that makes the difference as they work with each survivor to complete an individualized lethality assessment and safety plan to help increase the survivor’s safety.

On the next two pages you will see the culmination of work completed by Keslina L., one of our advocates. Keslina looked at lethality assessments that advocates completed between 2019-2022. (Note: The second page highlights 2022.) Advocates have observed anecdotally that the violence suffered by our clients was becoming more lethal. Keslina’s work quantifies advocates’ observations that violence has increased since the beginning of COVID. Advocates ask each survivor about evidenced-based risk factors to better understand the dangerousness of the relationship. In 2022, 60.5 % of batterers threatened to kill their partners, 60% of batterers had access to weapons, and 41.2% of survivors had been shown a weapon in a threatening way.

This information is vital when it comes to safety planning. It allows the advocate to create a personalized safety plan to help increase the survivor’s safety. While the advocates cannot control the number of weapons used against a survivor nor stop the batterer from strangling the survivor, they can use that information to help survivors in their journey to safety.

It is our hope that we will witness less domestic violence in our community in the coming years. But for now, I would like to share our sincerest gratitude for all of the support our community has given Artemis Center to help us support survivors. We cannot do this work alone.

Jane M. Keiffer, MSW, LISW-S | Executive Director

MISSION STATEMENT:

Working with the Community to Empower Survivors to Heal and Live, Free of Domestic Violence.

FINANCIALS

(unaudited)

Revenue

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|--------------------------|----|--------------|
| Government Grants | \$ | 825,543.27 |
| Contributions | \$ | 534,160.12 |
| United Way Contributions | \$ | 44,170.45 |
| In-kind Support | \$ | 85,591.79 |
| Special Events | \$ | 127,077.56 |
| Investment Gain (Loss) | \$ | (303,081.90) |
| Total | \$ | 1,313,461.29 |

Expenses

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|------------------------|----|--------------|
| Program | \$ | 1,003,191.27 |
| Management and General | \$ | 442,485.79 |
| Fundraising | \$ | 139,578.30 |
| Total | \$ | 1,585,255.36 |

MISSION PARTNERS



Thanks to our Mission Partners, Artemis Center can continue to fulfill its mission.

Elizabeth Hardy, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist

Dr. Hardy provided a matching gift opportunity during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. All donations between October 1st - October 8th were matched up to \$5,000. Through this matching donation campaign, Artemis Center raised a total of \$20,030.

Day Air Credit Union “New Beginnings” Grant

The Day Air Credit Union “New Beginnings” Grant allowed Artemis Center to offer clients a platform of financial stability through a model of support and empowerment which has made a difference in survivors’ long-term outcomes. The objective of this program was to increase each client’s credit score while also providing financial education and resources. Nineteen clients were referred and accepted into Day Air’s program. Each client received one-on-one credit counseling and credit card information, as well as financial education classes offered by Day Air Credit Union staff members.

One client shared: “Day Air’s program allowed me to secure a rental property, which I haven’t been able to do because of my poor credit history. After six months of being in and out of shelters with my two kids, we are finally in a place of our own! I was also able to qualify for a \$500 award that was deposited into my new bank account. This is a fresh start for us as a family.”

Synchrony

Synchrony has been a long-standing supporter of Artemis Center and our mission. From being the Presenting Sponsor of our annual Breaking the Cycle Breakfast fundraiser, to awarding Artemis a \$15,000 grant for client assistance, its contributions have been vital to the success of our organization. Along with financial support, the Synchrony Women’s Network continues to dedicate its time and resources through volunteering at both on-site and



off-site events. They continue to show up for our clients. As part of our Building Hope Holiday Program in December, Synchrony gave our clients “Christmas Morning Kits” that included everything needed to make pancakes, hot cocoa, and coffee as well as other items to make Christmas morning even more special.

2022 Danger & Lethality FACT SHEET

What is a danger & lethality assessment?

A danger & lethality assessment helps to inform the level of danger a victim of intimate partner violence is experiencing. Each Artemis Center client works with a skilled advocate who assesses them for over 30 evidence-based risk factors. Once the assessment is completed, advocates score the client's risk level on a scale of 0 to 7. This assessment plays a key role in informing client-centered safety planning.

High lethality risk factors

Of those who answered when asked to describe their experiences with these factors...

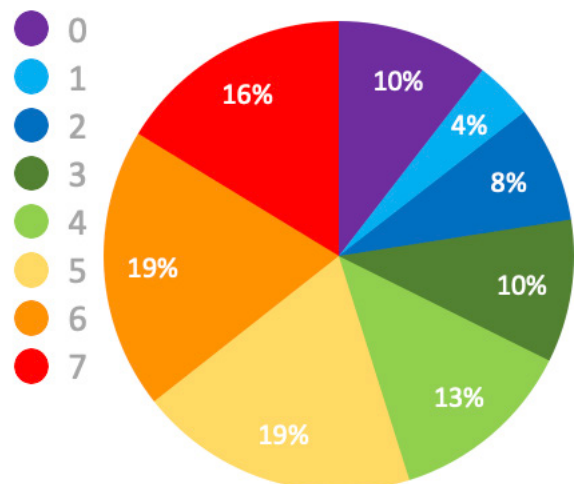
- 60.5%** stated their batterer threatened to kill them
- 60%** reported their batterers have access to weapons
- 57.7%** of survivors experienced separation violence
- 53.2%** reported their batterer had threatened or attempted suicide
- 52.3%** described being strangled or suffocated
- 43.2%** of survivors were assaulted while pregnant
- 41.2%** of survivors had been shown a weapon in a threatening way

Of the survivors scored at a 5-7 for danger & lethality, **21.6%** had been threatened, intimidated, or harmed by their abuser with a gun.

Scale Guide for Danger & Lethality Score

- 0 No risk for future physical/sexual abuse
- 1 Low risk for future physical/sexual abuse
- 2 Moderate risk for future physical/sexual abuse
- 3 Probably future physical/sexual abuse
- 4 Escalating physical/sexual abuse
- 5 Possible serious injury or homicide
- 6 High risk for serious injury, possible homicide
- 7 High risk for homicide

*Distribution of Danger/Lethality Scores
2022 Findings*



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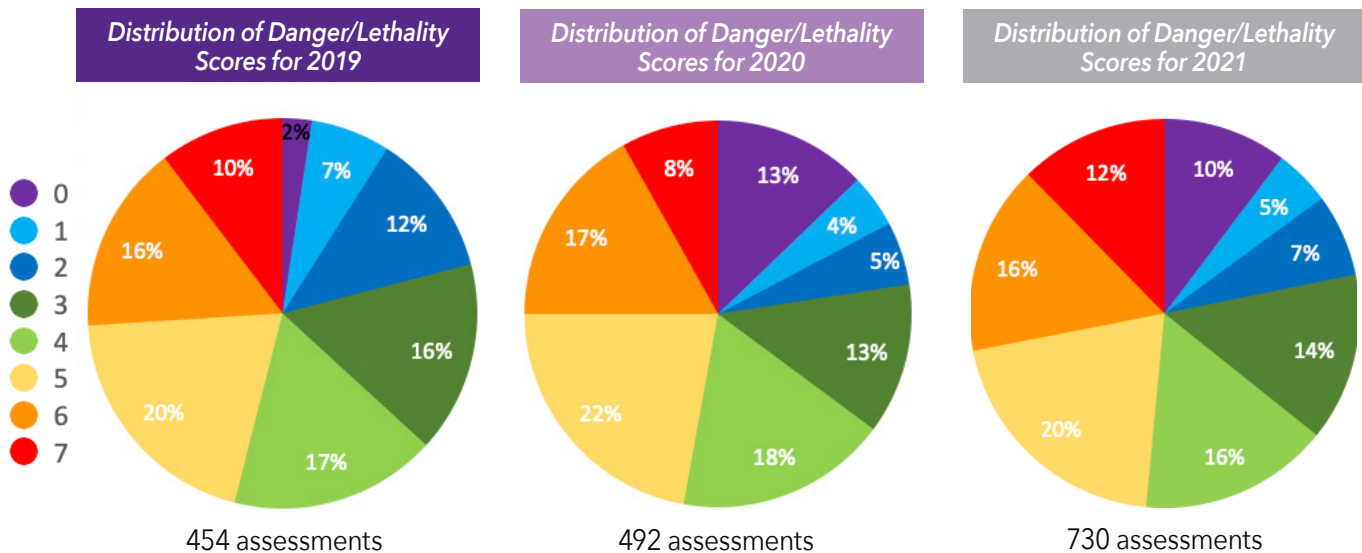
Artemis advocates conducted **946 danger & lethality assessments in 2022**.

This is almost a 30% increase from 2021, when 730 assessments were conducted. In 2022, **54% of clients were rated at a 5-7, indicating a risk of homicide**. 19% of all clients assessed in 2022 were scored at a 6 (high risk for serious injury, possible homicide) and 19% were scored at a 5 (possible serious injury or homicide). The next most common score, 16% of clients, were scored at a 7 (high risk for homicide).

How have things changed?

When looking at assessments conducted from 2019 through 2022 it becomes clear that the **risk for homicide and the overall danger victims face has been increasing**. In 2019, 46% of clients were assessed at a 5-7 score. Furthermore, the percentage of victims rated at a 7 (high risk for homicide) has doubled from 2020 to 2022.

Artemis Center has also experienced a dramatic increase in assessment volume due to the influx of new clients seeking services.



Changes in high lethality risk factors from 2019 to 2022

Of the assessments in which victims answered when asked to describe their experiences with these factors:

- Batterers' access to weapons has been increasing annually. From 2019 to 2022 there was an 8.3% increase in victims reporting their batterer having access to weapons.
- Similarly, from 2019 to 2022, there has been a 3.5% increase in victims reporting their batterer threatening to kill them and a 3.5% increase in victims reporting they were shown a weapon in a threatening way.
- Reports of victims having been strangled or suffocated have fluctuated over this period with the highest rates of 62% in 2020 and the lowest at 52.3% in 2022.
- Reports of batterer threats or attempts at suicide have also fluctuated, ranging from 60.1% in 2020 to 52.5% in 2021. While the threat of batterer suicide may be used as a control tactic, batterer risk of suicide increases the danger for the victim due to the possibility of a murder-suicide being committed.
- Victims who were pregnant during their relationship & reported being assaulted during their pregnancy remained a round 43-44%.
- Victims reporting separation violence steadily decreased 11.9% from 2019 to 2022.