



Artemis Center

2011

Annual Report
to the
Community

***Mission: Leading the Community in its Commitment
to End Domestic Violence***



From the Executive Director

Dear Friend and Supporter,

You are a hero. Because of your willingness to support Artemis Center, over 5,000 victims and their children were able to find some measure of safety from the constant threat of domestic violence. Giving by individuals like you was up in 2011 over the previous year. While other sources of funding remained in decline, you stepped up. I thank you with a deep sense of gratitude.

Last year, calls to our Domestic Violence Hotline were up nearly 10%. I want to share with you a little peek at how Artemis Center advocates are able to quickly evaluate a caller's situation and understand the level of immediate danger the caller may be in. By speaking with the caller, the advocate can discover whether or not the violence has escalated recently, what weapons may be in the home, if there are vulnerable children or pets nearby and the kind of language the batterer has used when making threats. These factors and others help the advocate make a "lethality score" that guides her next steps to make sure the caller's needs are met. That advocate is there because you have chosen to give so generously to Artemis Center.

A bright spot in our year came when the Legal Aid Society named Artemis Center the 2011 Access to Justice Community Advocacy Award recipient. We are proud that our work was recognized by such a respected organization.

We struggle to balance the intense need for our services with a very lean staff. But your support inspires us to keep up the fight. I can promise you that if the community continues to provide the essential funds, we will be here for all the victims who seek our help in finding safety.

Thanks you for all you do.

In Peace and Gratitude,

Patti L. Schwarztrauber, MSW, LISW

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2011 Artemis Center Programs



Advocacy The Artemis advocacy programs represent the agency's driving philosophy: We are not here to tell a victim what to do, or how to think. The abuser has been doing that for years. Artemis Center is committed to encouraging her to think for herself and make her own decisions. The advocate's job is to inform the victim of her choices, and support her in whatever decision she makes.

Victims are often isolated from family and friends. Our advocates are the compassionate, steady support a victim needs. Sometimes, it's helping a nervous victim navigate the court system. Often, it's helping a mother create a

safety plan for herself and her children. Artemis Center advocates provide information, encouragement and direct assistance to victims in their most vulnerable times. Our advocacy stats for 2011 are:

95% of clients were assessed as having increased their safety as a result of services

86% of support group and intake clients who completed a satisfaction survey agreed they feel less alone since working with Artemis

98% of clients say they were able to contact Artemis Center when they needed to

1088 clients were served through court outreach

217 clients received accompaniment to civil court hearings

Hotline When you're living in a dangerous household, you may have only a few minutes to make a call that could save your life. That's why a crisis hotline is so important. Artemis, along with the YWCA of Dayton, provides a 24-hour point of contact for victims of domestic violence. Artemis Center staffs the hotline during peak hours, Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Some callers need crisis intervention or emergency assistance. Others need help obtaining a Civil Protection Order. The hotline is truly a lifeline for victims. Here, they can get safety planning, and information about housing, the legal system, health care and so much more. In 2011:

3,404 callers (victims and those seeking to assist victims and their children)

90% agreed Artemis Center helped make them more aware of safety options

98% of callers completed a personal safety plan

98% of callers said they received the help they were looking for

100% of callers reported they were treated with respect by Artemis staff



Children's Therapy Program If you are like most people, you try to avoid conflict. Imagine being a child who cannot escape the violent conflict at home. Artemis Center serves the youngest victims of domestic violence through individual and group therapy. The goal is to help children 0-18 years old overcome the effects of witnessing violence. Young witnesses who do not get help face future struggles. They are more likely to experience depression, learning and behavioral problems, substance abuse, and violent relationships in adulthood. At Artemis, children can heal emotionally. They can learn to develop healthy relationships. This program aims to end the cycle of violence that can plague families for generations. In 2011:

Artemis Center served 204 children and 179 of their caregivers

100% of caregivers reported satisfaction with the quality of services they and their children received

89% of parents reported that their child was coping better since receiving child therapy services from Artemis Center

89% of children served and their parents reported the children have a safety plan they can implement

Children Services Collaborative Project For 16 years, an Artemis Center advocate has worked at Montgomery County Children Services. She works closely with caseworkers on cases involving both domestic violence and child abuse or neglect. The advocate helps women understand the danger to their children in living with domestic violence. She also provides training for Children Services staff and facilitates an education group for moms involved with the child protection agency. Because of this program, many children who otherwise would have entered the foster care system are living safely with their non-violent parent. In 2011:

The Artemis Center advocate held 585 consultations with Children Services caseworkers

228 families were served through this collaborative project

54 mothers completed the education group



Job Center Outreach Advocate Because many abusers control the comings and goings of their partners, victims often have a difficult time contacting Artemis. With the Job Center Outreach Program, clients can connect to Artemis Center services without alerting their partner. Both Job Center staff and consumers have easy access to training and support. The Artemis Center advocate can arrange to accompany a victim to court, help her design a safety plan, and refer her to other community resources. Numbers for this program in 2011 show:

142 clients were served

84% of victims who received follow-up services implemented one or more items from their safety plan

97% of clients receiving ongoing services were assessed as having increased safety at the time of case closure

Family Violence Collaborative (FVC) While other Artemis Center programs provide direct service to victims, the FVC works behind the scenes to strengthen the community response to domestic violence. In collaboration with law enforcement, the courts, and other agencies, the FVC director has taken the lead in establishing guidelines and protocols for reporting, investigating, and prosecuting domestic violence. The Death Review committee, staffed by FVC, looks at domestic violence homicide cases to evaluate what the community can learn from these tragedies. Domestic violence affects many public and private sectors. The Artemis FVC is the glue that holds the disparate parts together.

Volunteer Services Volunteering at Artemis Center allows individuals and groups to serve clients and staff. Opportunities include preparation for special events, helping with building maintenance, sorting pantry supplies, performing office tasks, and serving on the Board or committees. In 2011, **over 90 volunteers provided 1,258 hours of service to Artemis Center.**

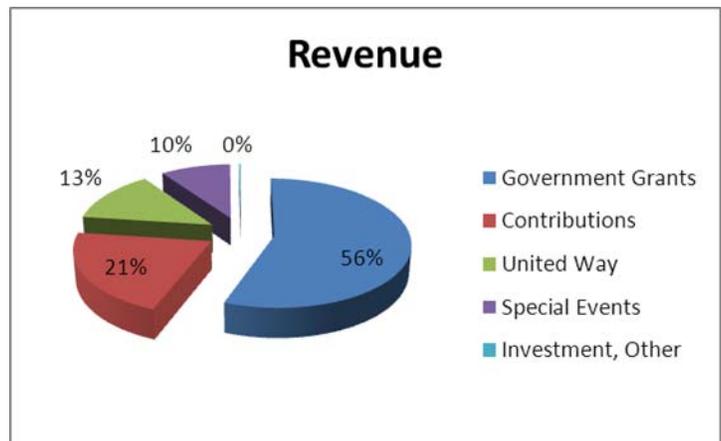


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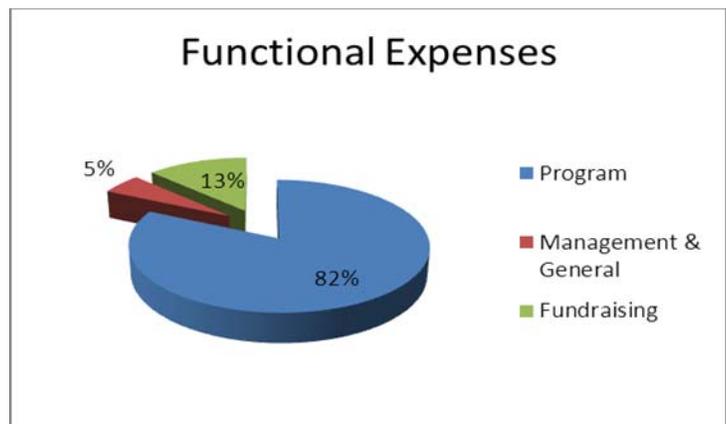
REVENUE

Government Grants	689,459
Contributions	263,160
United Way	162,933
Special Events	117,429
Investment, Other	2,717
TOTAL	1,235,698



FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

Programs	1,073,423
Management & General	68,040
Fundraising	167,340
TOTAL	1,307,803
Net	(72,105)
Transfer from investments	72,105



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Artemis Center thanks the hundreds of individuals, foundations, businesses and organizations who supported us in 2011. You allow us to provide a vital safety net for survivors of domestic violence.