Artemis Center Spring Newsletter 2019



Partnership Spotlight

University of Dayton

In 2019, Artemis Center began partnering with the University of Dayton in an effort to reduce barriers for students, faculty and staff on campus who may be experiencing forms of domestic violence, including dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Artemis is currently providing a confidential advocate available to provide emotional support, safety planning, crisis intervention, lethality assessments, legal process information, court accompaniment, and education to survivors on campus. Artemis Center is working hand-in-hand with UD's Title IX/Section 504 Coordinator and Equity Compliance Officer, Amy Zavadil, to ensure confidentiality of survivors as well as bridge the gap with other services offered by the university.

Women of traditional college age continue to be at particular risk for gender-based violence, and one in five women experience sexual assault in their college years. In particular, young women, ages 18-24, are at highest risk of stalking. When these crimes go unreported, the perpetrators are not held accountable and feel empowered to victimize other students, staff, or faculty on campus, as well as members of the community. Offering a safe and confidential option for navigating resources and ways to report these issues increases safety for the entire community.

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A word from our University of Dayton advocate:

"Since January, I have spent roughly ten hours a week on the University of Dayton campus and it has been truly a wonderful experience. Being able to be a safe and confidential advocate completely separate from the institution has provided this level of trust that is truly the goal of any advocate in this field. I have seen students immediately relax their body posture and let down their guard as soon as I explain that my only goal is to support and empower them in whatever they decide, and that is a huge victory in and of itself in regards to this partnership between the university and Artemis Center.

Additionally, it has been an honor to be included and invited to learn and partner with other existing university services, so that I can better learn how to support the campus on a wider scale. It has been a true joy to witness all of the amazing work that has already been done by students, faculty, and staff, and I am thoroughly looking forward to continuing to build the relationship between Artemis and UD in order to support and offer options to survivors of domestic and sexual violence in our community."



DID YOU KNOW WE ACCEPT DONATIONS OF HANDHELD ELECTRONIC DEVICES?

We are able to take new, old, and broken smartphones, cell phones, iPads, tablets, iPods, chromebooks, and Kindles!

Last year, we collected over 1,300 handheld electronics. This year our goal is 2,000.

Your handheld devices can help a domestic violence survivor receive an emergency phone or be recycled for financial support of Artemis Center and our lifesaving programs and services.



HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- Take advantage of your phone upgrade plan and donate your old phone.
- Start a drive at work, school, your place of worship or with any other community group you are involved with.
- The top drawer that has been collecting devices for decades- Clean it out! Bring those devices in, and encourage friends to do the same!
- Share our social media posts about our handheld electronics recycling program!

We prefer your devices are donated unlocked (not password protected) and factory reset (clear of your information), but it's not required.

You can mail your donation to us or drop them off to our building Mondays - Fridays from 9 AM - 5 PM!

Our address is: 310 W. Monument Ave. Dayton, OH 45402

For more information about our cell phone recycling program including FAQs: Contact Kelly at kellys@artemiscenter.org or 937-531-5709

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Retirement of our beloved Gorilla

After many years of dedicated service to Artemis Center, it is with mixed emotions that we announce the retirement of our beloved Gorilla. Gorilla was an instrumental part of our Children's Therapy program through bringing healing and comfort. We're not exactly sure when Gorilla joined the Artemis team (or even what his real name is), but it is suspected he was our longest running employee. Gorilla is looking forward to spending more time with his family, volunteering, and possibly buying a condo in Florida. Gorilla will be truly missed around the office by our staff and clients. We will never forget his contributions to our organization, and we wish him the best of luck in retirement!

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Welcome to the team, Theodore!

Artemis Center is pleased to welcome Theodore to our team! Theodore was kindly donated to us in January from our friends at Tudor Day Spa, and has been working in our Children's Therapy program. After a month-long search for the perfect name, the kids in our Children's Therapy program and over 75 Facebook followers voted on the name "Theodore". With his official name intact, Theodore is ready to help nurture our youngest clients as they learn and grow through our therapy program.

Read on to see how Theodore is helping the lives of our smallest clients, alongside his co-worker, Marshmallow:

"TAILS" FROM OUR THERAPISTS



"It is so helpful having Theodore and Marshmallow in the Children's Therapy room. I have experienced kids who are in need of a safe space to curl up with them to get comfort. I had the experience of two girls who would move the puppet theater to create a little cozy tent-like area. In the tent, they would be together playing and strengthening the bonds of family. This is so important because abusers like to isolate their victims, even from other family members. **The giant stuffed animals are also really telling of where the child is at. When children first come in, they would see Gorilla and start climbing on top of him and start hitting him. Towards the end of treatment, they would be more likely to cuddle up with Gorilla. This is not the experience for all children, but stuffed animals are perfect items that show kids that they are safe and they have control."**

""Last week, I saw a little girl for therapy. She entered the playroom like usual, but I could tell by her demeanor that something just wasn't right. She didn't say anything at first, but went right over to Theodore, sat under his arm, and began to cry. Theodore is definitely the hot new commodity among our big furry friends. She began to hug Theodore, and began to engage in soothing as if he were actively comforting her. As I bent down next to her to talk, the little girl began to share her feelings about the events that had happened. When she was finished, I let her know how brave she was for sharing. She told me that Theodore helped her feel better. They really like having a special friend that is there just for them during their therapy time."

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