



Artemis Center  
**Spring Newsletter**  
*2020*

# A Letter to the Community

As our community, and communities all over the world navigate a new normal with the arrival of COVID-19, Artemis Center remains steadfast in our commitment to serve survivors of domestic violence and their families.

Though our building is closed, our hotline is open and we are able to take calls 24/7 at 937-461-HELP. If you are experiencing domestic violence, or are a friend or family member that is concerned or has questions, give our confidential hotline a call.

Artemis Center has successfully implemented new ways of working with our families. Our therapists are meeting with clients over video chat and our support groups are also meeting virtually when it is safe.

We are continuing our work to help clients, and we know there are many in our community that are willing to help in other ways. We have a top 3 list of ways our community can support our mission during this time:

**1. Donate through our website.** By making a one-time contribution, or becoming a sustaining monthly donor, you are helping us continue to be able to provide services to our clients throughout the year, and especially in the midst of this global crisis. Visit [www.artemiscenter.org/donate](http://www.artemiscenter.org/donate) to make your donation.

**2. Donate gift cards.** Our families are in need of grocery store gift cards, gas cards, and restaurant gift cards at this time. Gift cards are always a great way to donate throughout the year, but are especially needed now, as many of our clients have limited resources for basic needs. You can mail gift cards to

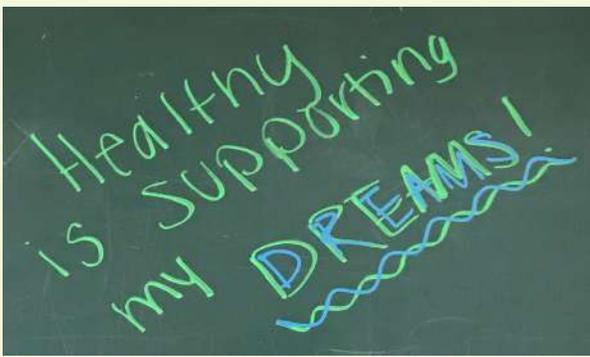
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**3. Donate items from** our wish list. Through our Amazon wish list, you can give remotely the items that are needed most. [Click here](#) to browse our Amazon Wish List and use AmazonSmile (when Artemis Center is your designated charity) to give back two-fold!

For questions regarding donations, please contact Kelly Sexton at [kellys@artemiscenter.org](mailto:kellys@artemiscenter.org)

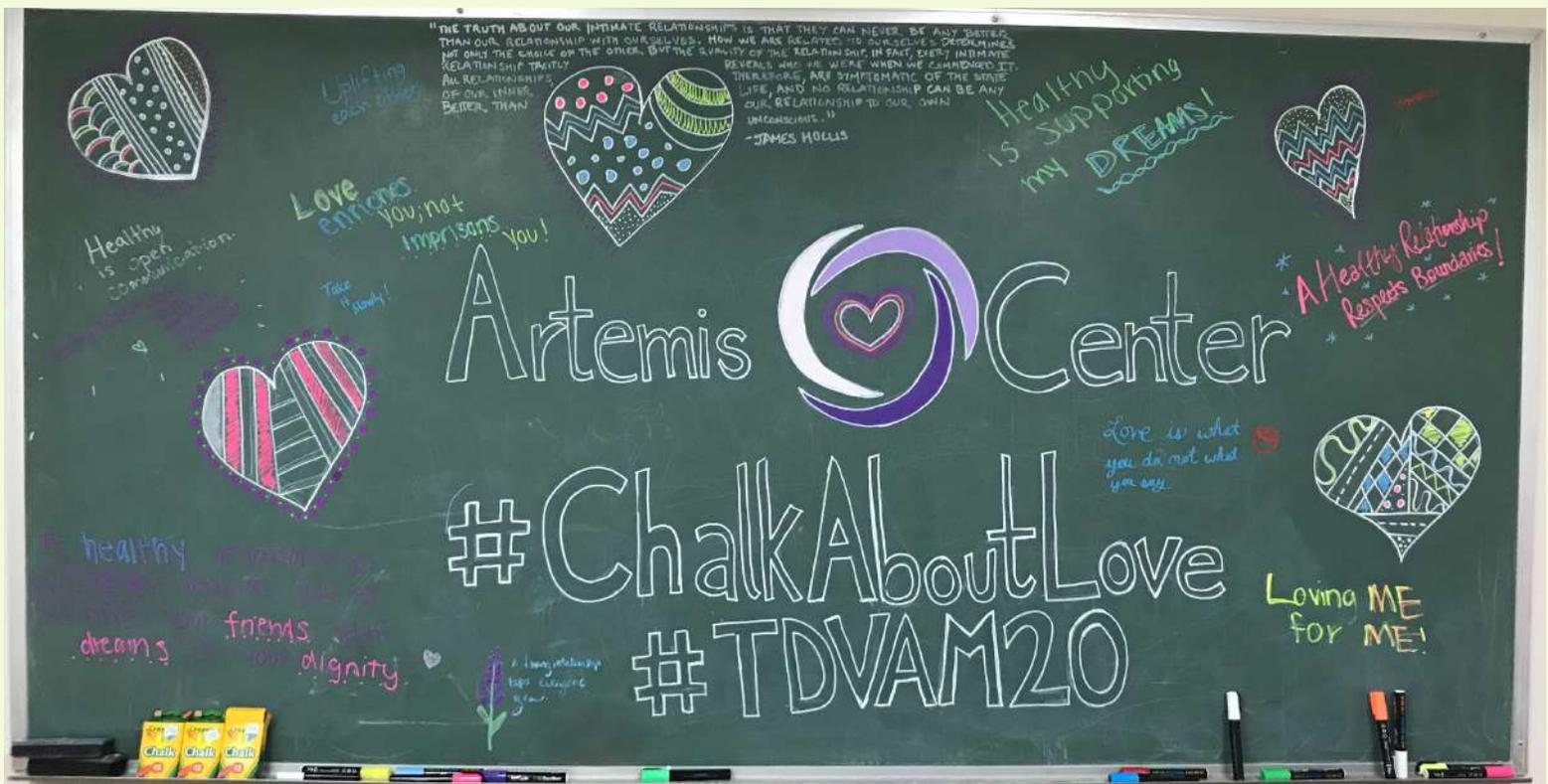
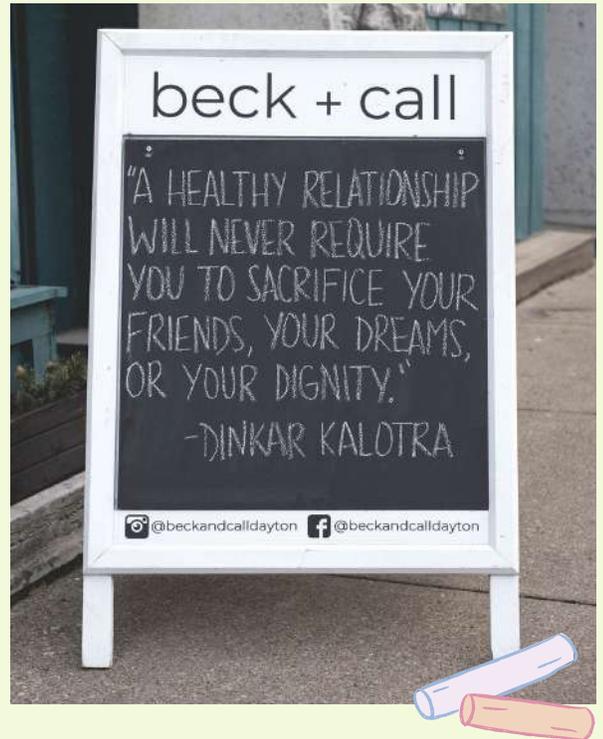
We know that we will eventually get through this, and that many of our families will have a greater need when this is all over. Our team is here to help, and we will never stop working toward our mission of "Leading the Community in Its Commitment to End Domestic Violence."

Wishing you all a safe and healthy spring- your friends at Artemis Center!



# Chalk About Love for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

During the final week of February, Artemis Center participated in Chalk About Love Week! This campaign from Break the Cycle raises awareness for Teen Dating Violence, promotes healthy relationships, and spreads messages of love and hope. We invited our staff, volunteers, clients, community partners, and local businesses to participate by sharing their messages. If you, or an organization you work with, are interested in getting involved with the campaign next year, please email our events team at [events@artemiscenter.org](mailto:events@artemiscenter.org).





# *Artemis Celebrates 35 Years!*

We are all going through challenges during these unprecedented times, however, we want to take a moment to share some good news with our community: Artemis is proud to celebrate 35 years in 2020!

We are reaching out to you- our friends, past board members, past staff members, and supporters to see if you can share a message with us about your experience with Artemis Center. Do you have a special story or memory that you can share with us? We'd love to hear from you! Send your message to [info@artemiscenter.org](mailto:info@artemiscenter.org). It takes all of us to make the important work of Artemis Center happen each day, and we want to hear from all of you as we take some time to remember the past 35 years.

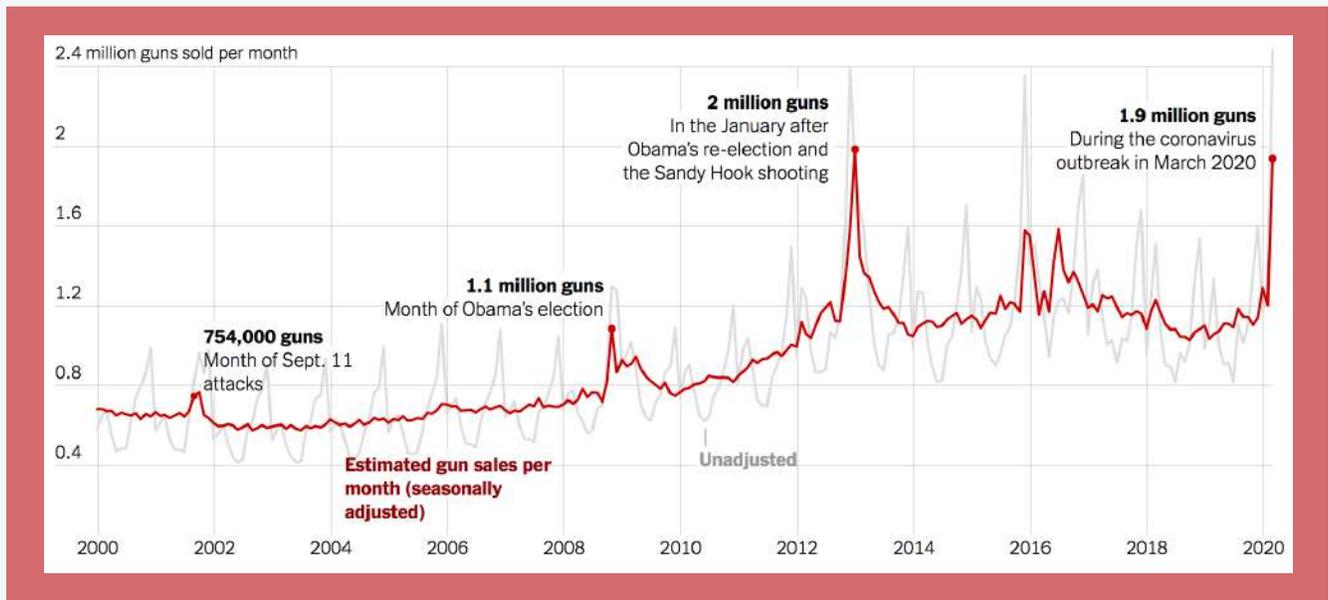
How else can you help us celebrate? You can become a sustaining supporter by committing to a weekly, monthly or annual gift. These gifts are crucial to the sustainability of programs and services throughout the year. Visit [www.artemiscenter.org/donate](http://www.artemiscenter.org/donate) to make your contribution today!

Thank you for helping us continue to work to keep our clients and their families safe. We're looking forward to serving our community for the next 35 years and beyond!

## Domestic Violence Survivors Face the Perfect Storm

According to the New York Times, gun sales spiked last month as fears of the Corona Virus grew. The Times reports that Americans bought two million guns in March. This increase in access to firearms is a contributing factor to what amounts to the perfect storm for domestic violence survivors. Batterers' access to weapons can indicate the potential for a homicide in domestic violence relationships. With mass layoffs and over 90% of Americans ordered to stay home at least through April, many victims and their children are now trapped at home with their abusers while tensions run high over worries about the virus, finances and the uncertain future.

Batterers often isolate their victims as a means of maintaining control over them. The stay at home order plays right into batterers' hands, making victims more vulnerable than ever.



With batterers at home full time, it isn't safe for many victims to call the Domestic Violence Hotline. Although call volume on the hotline is down, we are still receiving lethal and complex cases, including callers with eviction concerns and victims who can't go to shelter because they need to quarantine.

For survivors who have left their abusers, social distancing can bring back painful memories of isolation and abuse.

With safety always in mind, Artemis advocates are reaching out to survivors by phone and text messages to reduce survivors' sense of isolation and provide safety planning and support. Our therapists are utilizing a communications platform to provide adult, family and child therapy. We are facilitating support groups online to provide continuity of care and a sense of community for survivors who don't live with their abusers. Our hotline is operational 24/7, and Artemis advocates continue to serve survivors of domestic violence and the people who care about them.

# Breaking the Silence Teen Dating Violence Summit



On February 22nd, Artemis Center partnered with St. Peter's Baptist Church House of Restoration, We Care Ministry, and SBHI Young Adult Focus Council to present the 4th Annual Breaking the Silence Teen Dating Violence Summit at the Dayton Metro Library. The summit was teen-focused, and showcased testimonies from domestic violence survivors, panel discussions, break out sessions, and performance art.

Over 100 teens and parents attended the event. The summit was an opportunity for teens to delve into topics such as teen dating violence, domestic violence, and abuse. Participants learned how to help a friend in an abusive relationship, became familiar with local resources and supports, and participated in conversations about teen dating violence during break out sessions.



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*Artemis Center Staff participated in #WearOrangeDay for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month and in support of teen survivors everywhere!*

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