

2023
ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

preventing gender-based violence and empowering <u>all</u> survivors

Thank you for standing up for survivors in 2023

Founded in 1973, Women Helping Women (WHW)'s mission is to prevent gender-based violence and empower <u>all</u> survivors.

WHW provides **evidence-based prevention** and **expert crisis intervention** and support services for survivors of intimate partner violence, sexual violence, domestic violence and stalking in **Hamilton**, **Butler**, **Brown**, **and Adams Counties**.

WHW operates from a *public health framework* that is *survivor-centric* and promotes *diversity* and inclusion as core operating values. WHW meets the needs of our region and served *over 8,000* survivors in 2023.



Hamilton County

215 E 9th St, FL 7 Cincinnati, OH 45202

Butler County

6 S 2nd St, Ste 828 Hamilton, OH 45011

Adams & Brown Counties

236 N Market St West Union, OH 45693

Annual Impact Report 2023

Our sincere thank you to all the individuals, corporations, partners, foundations, and donors who made financial and in-kind contributions to Women Helping Women from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. We are extremely grateful for your ongoing support. Every effort has been made to include all donors in this report, but if we have inadvertently omitted or misspelled your name, we apologize. Please contact the WHW Development Office (development@womenhelpingwomen.org) and we will promptly correct our records.

24/7/365 Hotline: (513) 381 - 5610



Dear Friends,

It is a great honor to lead Women Helping Women, to empower the survivors we serve, and educate youth and community members throughout the region. The work is only possible with folks like you by our side.

From one phone plugged into a wall and a cot to provide 24-hour coverage to over 17,000 hotline calls in 2023, the growth at the agency has been tremendous. Whether you contribute monthly, give to our gift card program each year, have us written into your will, or anything in between - we would be no where without you.

As you turn the pages of this report, I hope you sit with the impact that you have made - year in and year out - on the survivors and students we serve. We cannot ignore your contribution to the movement.

Because that's what this is. It is a movement to end gender-based violence once and for all. And we will only succeed, together.

We have always shown up where we are needed most, from boots on the ground to microphones in the crowd. And we will continue to do so. Because we cannot, and will not rest until every survivor knows that **we see them, we believe them, and we are here for them.** We will not rest until every young person and community member knows that this violence is preventable.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for everything you do for the movement.



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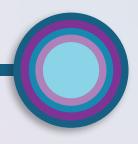
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2023 IMPACT SNAPSHOT



In 2023, Women Helping Women provided over **33,000** services to more than **8,200** survivors and trained over **5,400** students across **26,000** hours.



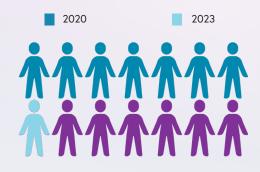
Community Educated

increased by 117% from 3,064 in 2020 to 6,668 in 2023.



Survivors Served

Increased by 11% from 7,489 in 2020 to 8,294 in 2023.



In 2023, Women Helping Women announced the success of "Rise Beyond Violence", a programmatic growth campaign to serve 50,000 survivors and educate 25,000 youth in prevention by 2026.

The three pillars of RBV are:

- Intervention (bolster critical response programs)
- Prevention (strengthen essential education work)
- Innovation (make key investments in organizational capacity).

Together, we can rise beyond violence.





SUMMARY OF PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Four Counties: Hamilton, Butler, Adams, Brown

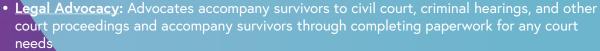


Crisis Intervention Services:

WHW offers support services to help plan for safety, answer legal questions, connect survivors with services like housing, and to be advocates for survivors as they heal from the impact of gender-based violence. Overall Intervention still makes up the largest service of the agency, with 75% of staff providing comprehensive wraparound services.













• Outreach Advocates: BIPOC, LGBTQ, LatinX, Rural (Brown and Adams Counties), Campus (Cincinnati State, Miami University, Mt. Saint Joseph, Northern Kentucky University, University of Cincinnati, Xavier University)





WHW works to implement a public health framework for prevention at the individual, professional, service provider, and school organizational levels. By focusing on prevention, WHW is making a commitment to prevent violence before it starts. WHW's vision is to live in a world without gender-based violence. To achieve this, WHW offers Prevention Programs that educate community members on healthy relationships, red flags in the workplace, and more. These ground-breaking programs have been used as models for preventing violence across the country.

- Prevent & Empower: Prevent & Empower is an evidence-based, interactive 5-day program for schools or youth-serving organizations that explores healthy and unhealthy relationships, boundaries, consent, and bystander intervention
- WorkStrong®: The WorkStrong® certification program addresses workplace issues surrounding gender-based violence by empowering survivors, employees, and managers with information to guide decisions and behavior that can become an integral part of company culture
- Bar Training: The Bar Training aims to educate bars, breweries, and restaurant owners, managers, and staff about gender-based violence and equip them to be active bystanders
- Community Trainings: Provide an overview of our services and gender- based violence to help create a safe and healthy community





INTERVENTION SERVICES

Since 1973, Women Helping Women has offered support services to empower survivors of Domestic Violence, Intimate Partner Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking across a growing geographic area. While services began in Hamilton County, in 2013, the agency expanded to Butler County, and in 2017, opened its office in Adam's County to initiate service in Adams and Brown Counties. In 2024, Women Helping Women will expand intervention services to Clermont County as well - doing what the agency has always done - meeting survivors where they are, when they need us.

There are three common ways a survivor can come into contact with our agency. Those include Hotline, Hospital Accompaniment, and the Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team.

Hotline DVERT Hospital A survivor calls the An advocate meets An on-call advocate 24/7/365 Hotline to a survivor at an ER responds on sight, talk to an or hospital. on scene. advocate. FROM THERE: Referrals Court Ensuring survivors An advocate helps have access to survivors navigate services outside of the court Relocation WHW scope. system. Finding a survivor a safe place to live. Support Safety Groups **Planning** Advocates manage Ensuring the safety of every survivor. groups of survivors offering comfort.

33,083

Crisis Intervention Services for more than

8,294 survivors

BY THE NUMBERS

84% of survivors identify as Women

9% identify as men

1% of survivors identify as transgender

1% of identify as Non-Binary/Other

40% of survivors identify as Black, Indigenous, and People of color (BIPOC)

There continues to be an increase in lethality indicators of weapons and strangulation across survivors served.

40% of clients reported a weapon being involved.

36% of clients reported experiencing attempted strangulation.

One of the most important crisis intervention services we offer is Safety Planning for every survivor. Every safety plan is unique, ensuring that everyone we serve is empowered to do what is best for their situation.

Women Helping Women



Hotline

17,098 hotline calls, **16%** increase over 2022



Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT)

1,859 Survivors

1,943 Runs

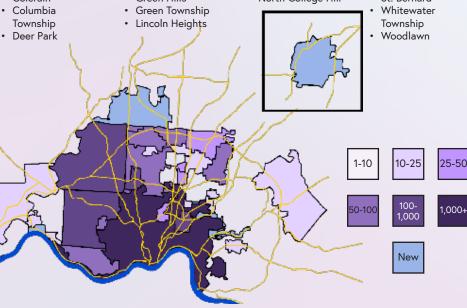
1,953 Children

8,344 total DVERT runs since launch in 2018

29 Jurisdictions

- Addyston
- Blue Ash Cheviot
- Cincinnati Police Department
- Cleves
- Colerain
- · Columbia Township
- Delhi
- · Elmwood Place
- Evendale
- Fairfield

- Green Hills
- Forest Park Golf Manor
- Lockland
- Middletown
- Middletown
- Mt. Healthy Newtown
- North Bend
- North College Hill
- Norwood
- · Sharonville Silverton
- Springdale
- Springfield Township
- · St. Bernard





Legal Advocacy

Partnership with Legal Aid of Southwest Ohio and Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence

2,691 Survivors

1,506 Protection Order Hearings and Paperwork Assistance

2.053 Criminal Court

5,196 Total Court Services



Hospital Accompaniment

450 Runs (208 SA, 242 DV)

931 Hours

25+ Hospitals



A medical community partner referred a Spanish speaking survivor to our services after attending a medical checkup with her child. The survivor had received services through DVERT but was afraid of "being found" by immigration services and did not respond to agency follow ups. After the medical provider connected me to the survivor, we were able to help her feel safe and supported. Afterward, the client felt comfortable attending criminal court proceedings and actively participating in the criminal process of the cases that arose from the incident. **Through** our community partnerships we were able to empower this survivor to make the best decisions for her and her child, helping her feel supported. WHW LatinX Outreach Advocate

\$115,000

Total Financial Assistance

Given to survivors through gift cards, Lyft and Uber rides, Bus Passes, Self Care Kits, and more.

247 Gift Cards

Target, Amazon, Kroger, etc

953 Lyfts/Ubers

To get survivors to and from court and other travel needs

171 Bus Passes

Allows survivors autonomy in travel and safety planning

94 Self Care Kits

Basic needs get met with dignity

PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Women Helping Women's mission is twofold: to prevent gender-based violence, and empower all survivors. The pathway to ending gender-based violence once and for all lies in prevention - in stopping violence before it starts. Women Helping Women offers Prevention Programming that educates community members and youth on healthy relationships, signs of violence, boundary setting, and more.

Our groundbreaking Prevention Programs have been used as models for violence prevention across the country - with our WorkStrong® program (a social enterprise) being trademarked for use nationwide.







The Prevention team at WHW presents "Calling Attention to Prevention"! The goal of our show is to educate ourselves and our audience while dialogging about various facets of gender-based violence. Topics include highlighting our intervention services, the intersection of other issues such as housing insecurity, violence in schools, and self care. Every month has a different focus and guest speaker. Tune in on Spotify!

70 Prevention Programs for

6,668
community members
and students

BY THE NUMBERS

95% of students feel confident setting boundaries with a dating partner after taking Prevent & Empower.

97% of students feel confident identifying signs of healthy or unhealthy relationships after taking Prevent & Empower.

Students physically abused by partners are **2x** more likely to earn Cs and Ds vs. As and Bs and **25**% more likely to drop out of school.

1 in 3 girls in the United States is a victim of physical, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner

Ages 12 – 18 is when violent behavior begins

Only 33% of teens who were in an abusive relationship ever told anyone about the abuse



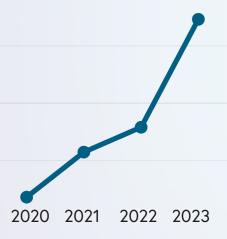
Prevent & Empower

Students Educated Increase

5,464 students **45** Schools:

Cincinnati Public Schools:

Aiken High School, Clark Montessori, Hughes STEM High, Gamble Montessori, School, Riverview East Academy, School For Creative and Performing Arts, Shroder High School, Walnut Hills, Western Hills, University High School, Withrow University High School



EXPANDED: Gilbert A. Dater, Taft High School, Woodward

Hamilton County Public Schools: Anderson High School, Garfield Middle School, Indian Hill High School, Northwest High School, Pleasant Run Middle School, Scarlet Oaks/Great Oaks, Turpin High School, Wilson Middle School, Winton Woods High School, Wyoming High School

EXPANDED: North College Hill High School, North College Hill Middle, Mt Healthy High School, Mt Healthy Middle School, Princeton High School, Princeton Middle School, Winton Woods Middle, Colerain Middle School, Colerain High School

Clermont County Public Schools: West Clermont High School

Butler County Public Schools: Fairfield High School, Hamilton High School, Lakota East High School, Lakota West High School, Middletown High School, Middletown Middle School, Talawanda High School

This is full saturation of every Butler County High School

Private Schools: Mt. Notre Dame Academy, Saint Ursula Academy, Seton High School, Seven Hills, Ursuline High School Academy

Day 2: Healthy Relationships

Students learn to describe healthy, unhealthy, and abusive relationships.

Day 5: Bystander Intervention

Students practice personalized active bystander techniques.



I can't say enough about WHW and their comprehensive approach to educating students on healthy and abusive relationships. Women Helping Women's prevent and empower program covers crucial topics such as identifying positive traits in potential partners, recognizing red flags, and empowering individuals to support both themselves and their friends. The information WHW provides is invaluable, fostering a safer and more informed school and surrounding community. Crystal Becker, Teacher at Clark

Crystal Becker, Teacher at Clark Montessori



Day 1: Emotions and Empathy

Students practice using descriptive emotional language.

Day 4: Media Literacy

Students recognize and set boundaries with their online personas, social media and screen time.



Students learn how to report incidents in their school based on Ohio consent laws.





CREATING COMMUNITY

This past year WHW has continued to cultivate community not only through advocating for survivors, but through raising awareness and leveraging partnerships in the region.

"I'm proud that we're still around. When I think about how we started in 1973 with just a handful of volunteers with a mission and a passion for providing services to women and then see where it is today, it is incredible. The agency survived because we have had excellent leadership through the years, both on the board and in the executive director role, and within the organization. I'm really proud of all the work we did and continue to do.

I'm hopeful that the organization continues to grow and expand. I wish we could put ourselves out of business, but violence based on gender is still occurring. However, we're persistent, and we find new and different ways to address the violence, and I hope that continues."

- Lucy Crane, Founder



Journey to Joy: Women Helping Women's 50th Anniversary Celebration June 9th, 2023 Music Hall



The State
of Women
Helping Women
October 28th, 2023
Handlebar at the
Great American

Ball Park





50 and Fabulous: A 50th Birthday Celebration December 16th, 2023

December 16th, 2023 Woodward Theater





Kroger Rock Your Beauty Fashion Show

March 8th, 2023 Memorial Hall







Sips for Survivors: Hart and Cru Wine Tasting

August 9th, 2023 Somerhaus













Cakes for a Cause November 16th, 2023 Bonbonnerie



OUTREACH



Domestic Violence Awareness Month Hamilton, Brown, and Adams Counties.





Chalk the Walk Rural Community Showing Support







Adams County Office Grand Re-Opening

36th Annual "She Screams Without Sound"



University of Cincinnati Take Back the Night





National
Organization for
Victim Advocacy
Conference
Presentation in
New Orleans



Amazon Outreach Event

Metro 50th Anniversary



Agency Soccer Game





Sunflowers For Survivors



Santa Maria Community Services



Adath Israel Mitzvah Day

Volunteer Appreciation



PRESS





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NG DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS

NEW ON



"Women
Helping Women
program goes into
local schools to prevent
domestic violence"

Local 12 10/18/2023



"How the
'Rise Beyond
Violence' campaign
helps prevent teen
dating violence"

Cincinnati Edition WVXU 8/29/2023



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How the 'Rise Beyond Violence campaign helps prev...



"Women
Helping Women
announces record breaking campaign"

Fox19 8/24/2023





"Women
Helping Women
surpasses record
\$10M in fundraising"
Movers & Makers
8/22/2023

"Women
Helping Women
offers survivors
autonomy,
empowerment"

Movers & Makers 5/23/2023





"Cincinnati leaders taking grassroots path in pursuit of new city gun laws"

WLWT 2/2/2023



"Domestic abuse survivor helping empower all survivors"

> Fox10 4/6/2023



One of the reasons WHW focuses on press and media is to increase the awareness of the services we offer to survivors. Being able to reach survivors where they are means we are better able to meet their needs.

OPINION PIECES:

"Opinion: Spending more on domestic violence programs can save lives" Enquirer, 03/20/2023

"It's time for Ohio to raise its funding for domestic violence services. With lives on the line, we need to do better."

"Opinion: Colleges must double down on sexual assault prevention" Enquirer, 10/12/2023

"Prevention is an investment, but it is our duty to give our students a chance to learn and thrive."

HISTORY

50 years of impact in the Southwest Ohio region

Founders:

- Jill Bley
- Lucy Crane
- Debbie Cripps
- **Becky McKinney**
- Linda Sattem

Executive Director: Roxanne Qualls

Executive Director: Leonna Durham

1973-1979





- Assertiveness and Self-Defense Trainings
- Speak Outs
- Public Speakers Bureau
- The Aid to Battered Women Project
- Hamilton County Rape Cisis Center
- Hospital Personnel Trainings

1978 Total Hotline Calls - 3,105

Executive Director: Helen Magers

Executive Director: Ann MacDonald

Notable Events:

1989: First national observance of



a march and vigil for our sisters who have died as a result of violence ust women —

CTION FROM ABUSE

Programs:

- Rape Awareness Task Force
- Cincinnati Coalition on Domestic Violence
- Educational video called "Good Touch, Bad Touch"
- Support groups (including a men's group)
- 24-hour hotline
- 56-hour Volunteer training
- Court Advocacy
- Speaker Series
- "She Screams Without Sound" vigil
- Partnership with Law Enforcement

Notable Events:

1991: Rape is declared an epidemic of violence for the first time in public discourse due to a very sharp rise in reported rape cases

1994: O.J. Simpson trial brings domestic violence to the forefront of popular culture, causing a surge in reports of GBV.

1990-1999

1980-1989



2000-2014

Programs:

- Annual Meetings
- Domestic Violence Court created
- Support Groups
- 24-hour hotline continued
- Partnership with Emergency Rooms
- Sunday Salons

1997-1999 Service Numbers

22,260 Services, 17,300 Survivors



Kendall Fisher

Executive Director:



Notable Events:

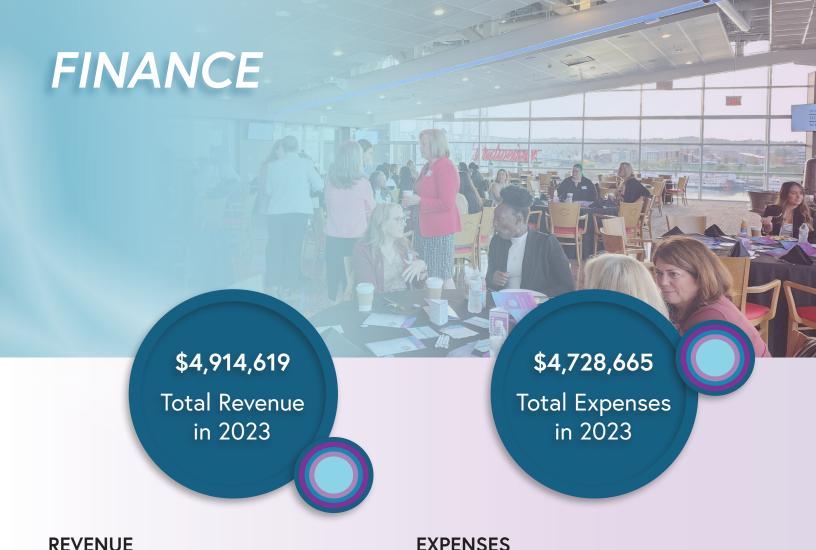
- 2001: First national observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- 2003: Women Helping Women re-brands to the Rape Crisis and Abuse Center of Hamilton County (RCAC)
- 2008: "Rape is not a defining word" WHW changes name back to original name to empower survivors
- 2013: WHW opened its office in Butler County

2015 - Present

Notable Events:

2017: WHW opens office in Adams County, expanding services to both Adams and Brown Counties

President & CEO: Kristin S. Shrimplin



REVENUE

Fundraising Events	3 %	Salaries and Benefits	83 %
Government Grants	62 %	Equipment and Supplies	3 %
Programs	2 %	Client Services and Programs	2 %
Individual Contributions	25 %	Development and Special Events	2 %
Other	8 %	Other	10 %





Women Helping Women experienced continued tremendous growth in 2023 building the agencies capacity to serve more survivors and students AND meet survivors where and when they need us most. With the success of the Rise Beyond Violence Programmatic Growth Campaign - new investments from landmark community partners and unprecedented staff development, Women Helping Women celebrated 50 hopeful for what is to come.



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Women Helping Women is grateful for your continued support, and we want to hear your voice as we plan for 2024 and beyond. Visit the link below to share up to date information, communication preferences, and share ideas for 2024.



bit.ly/WHW2023Impact Text "2023" to (855)-796-2075

MESSAGE FROM BOARD CHAIR TERRI WALLACE



To the supporters of WHW,

My name is Terri Wallace, and I am Chairwoman of the Board for Women Helping Women. I have been a board member since 2020, and became chair in 2023. I am committed to the mission, just like you, of Women Helping Women - to prevent gender-based violence, and empower all survivors.

I believe commitment comes in many forms. Some feel called to be members of the governing boards for the organizations that make their hearts sing, some are GEMs - sustaining their favorite nonprofit monthly, some choose to be donors, volunteers, and champions. But all of us are here for the same reason - to end gender-based violence once and for all

That's why I am not only Chair of the board, but an annual donor to the agency's annual fund and Rise Beyond Violence programmatic growth campaign, as well as a volunteer in Court.

This section of the annual report is always my favorite. It tells me that together, we <u>will</u> end gender-based violence in our lifetimes.

As you read the following pages, I hope your heart is filled with as much hope as mine.

Terri Wallace



DONOR AND PARTNER APPRECIATION

The last pages of this Annual Impact Report are dedicated to you - the folks that helped make 2023 a success. We could not have served over 8,000 survivors without incredible people by our side. Thank you for the last 50 years!



THANK YOU PARTNERS!

These collaborative partners held fundraisers, sponsored events, vended at events, and donated proceeds from their work. We are so grateful for their contributions!

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Adath Israel Congregation

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The Belle and the Bear

Big Sandy Furniture

Boards and Beez

Bonbonnerie

Burn Boot Camp

Cincinnati Actor's Studio & Academy (CASA)

Cincinnati Bar Association

Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce

Cincinnati Insurance Company

Cincinnati International Wine Festival

Cincinnati Metro

Cincinnati Music Accelerator

Cincinnati Pride

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Main Public Library

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Movers and Makers

Music Hall

Mymy's Morsels

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