



2025 *impact* REPORT

Believing survivors. Investing in survivors. Building safety.

Mission

Our mission is to **prevent gender-based violence** and to **empower all survivors**.

Vision

We envision a world where all people are **safe, liberated, and thriving**.

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A LETTER FROM OUR CEO

As I reflect on 2025, I do not think first about programs, events, or growth. I think about **people**.

I think about the survivor standing in the wreckage of what violence has taken, trying to imagine what safety could look like now. I think about the advocate answering the phone, walking into the hospital, showing up on scene, stepping into court, and sitting beside someone in the hardest hour of their life to say: you do not have to go through this alone.

That is the work of Women Helping Women. And this year, we did that work at **extraordinary scale**.

We served more survivors across Southwest Ohio than ever before. Women Helping Women grew to serve the most adult survivors of gender-based violence in the **entire State of Ohio**. And WHW operates the largest 24/7 Hotline for survivors in the **State of Ohio**. We expanded prevention. We answered more calls for help. We kept showing up across five counties, 365 days a year, because violence does not wait, and neither do we. Scale and mindfulness matter and they must always be paired together.

But numbers only tell part of the story.

What they cannot capture is the courage it takes to ask for help. The trust it takes to accept it. Or what becomes possible when a community chooses to invest in survivors.

Because of you, a survivor did not have to face a courtroom alone. Because of you, a young person learned what healthy love looks like before harm had the chance to define it. Because of you, a hotline call was answered, a safety plan was made, and a next step became possible.

Because of you, our mission did not simply continue. It moved.

At Women Helping Women, we are not here only to help people survive broken systems. We are here to build something better: a community where safety is real, dignity is nonnegotiable, and survivors are met not with delay or disbelief, but with **action, investment, and the conditions they need to heal and rebuild**.

That future does not happen by accident. It is built by people who refuse to look away. People who understand that believing survivors must be matched by resources, partnership, and courage.

That is what you have done.

Thank you for standing with us.
Thank you for believing in survivors.
Thank you for investing in survivors.

With Gratitude,



Kristin S. Shrimplin
President and CEO



impact SNAPSHOT

Grew to the largest survivor-response impact in the State of Ohio

In 2025, Women Helping Women had a record-breaking year, serving more survivors and reaching more youth across our Southwest Ohio region than ever before. Across five counties and more than 2,400 square miles, we continued to build a regional response system rooted in access, safety, and survivor dignity.



21,000+
Hotline Calls



1,900
On-Scene Domestic
Violence Responses



1,700
Hospital Response Hours



6,500
Court Services



150+
Collaborative Partners

In 2025, Women Helping Women provided



43,000+
Rapid Response Crisis
Intervention Services

to



9,300
Survivors

WHW also amplified prevention by educating



4,250
Youth

through



20,000
Classroom Sessions

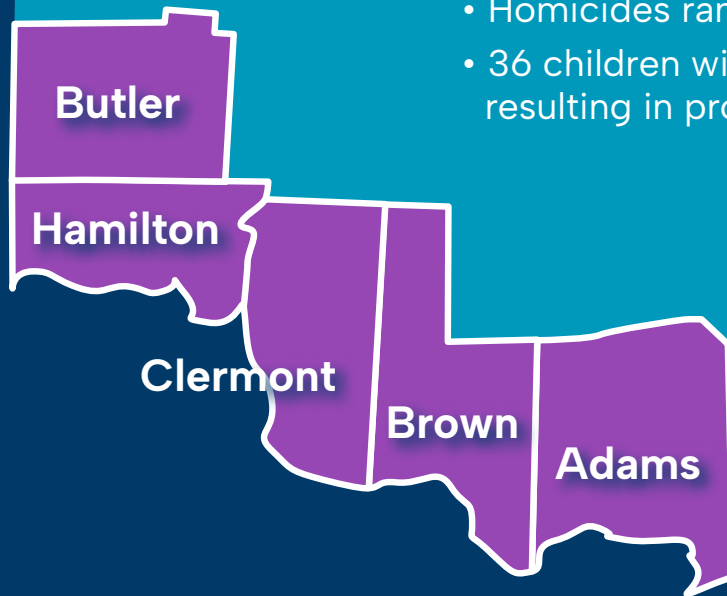
on prevention of dating violence/sexual violence

Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Stats



Nationally, **1 in 2 women** and **1 in 4 men** experience intimate partner violence in their lifetime. GBV remains at crisis levels in Southwest Ohio. Recent data show **157 fatalities in 108 domestic violence cases statewide**, with Hamilton and Butler Counties experiencing some of the largest increases.

- 84% of these homicides involved firearms
- Homicides ranged in age from 4 months to 89 years
- 36 children witnessed the murder of a parent, resulting in profound, lifelong trauma



WHW serves five counties across Southern Ohio

- 55% of WHW survivors report strangulation

a safety net that measures

2,400+
Square Miles

of continuous coverage

INTERVENTION

Safety cannot wait. WHW shows up.

Gender-based violence is a public health epidemic and necessitates a comprehensive public health response—from prevention to rapid response.

We show up wherever survivors are, whenever they need us.

From the hospital rooms to the courtrooms, on-scene with law enforcement, to universities, running support groups, taking walk-ins and answering the 24-hour hotline—our work is not limited to one entry point because survivors' lives are not lived in one system. They move through many systems, often while in crisis. That's why we show up everywhere in the ecosystem—there to help survivors navigate each entry point.



Crisis Intervention Services:

WHW Advocates meet survivors where they are 24/7/365 to provide critical programming and wrap-around support.

Hotline:

24/7/365 Hotline through call, text & chat

- WHW is the largest hotline in Ohio, receiving 21,000 calls



Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT):

24/7 on-scene response by WHW Advocates, in partnership with law enforcement, after a 911 domestic violence call. DVERT is the only program of its kind in Ohio.

- 1,870 survivors and their 1,416 children received immediate safety planning
- Covering 88 neighborhoods in Hamilton County
- 12,069 total DVERT runs since the program began
- 11,000 survivors and 10,000+ children served since DVERT launched in 2018, zero homicides reported

24/7 Hospital Response:

Provide compassionate support and trauma-informed response and information to survivors following incidents of domestic violence and sexual assaults.

- 26 Hospitals
- 692 Hospital Runs including 437 survivors for domestic violence injuries and 203 sexual assault survivors
- 1,681 Accompaniment Hours – a 20% increase

Legal Advocacy:

Supporting survivors in civil court, criminal hearings, and other proceedings.

- 2,842 survivors empowered with legal advocacy
- 5,500+ total services

Campus Services:

Crisis interventions support survivors and help with Title IX reporting in on-site campus offices.

- Miami University (WHW offices on-site)
- University of Cincinnati (WHW offices on-site)
- Cincinnati State Technical and Community College
- Mount St. Joseph University
- Northern Kentucky University
- Xavier University

Group and Individual Support:

Ongoing services offered throughout the 5-County region

- 9 different forms of support groups
- Provided virtually and in-person

"WHW's court advocates accompanied my niece to court. This support gives her the strength she needs."

- Family Member



"A small WHW support group changed my life in 2016. Today, I live in safety with my husband and two sons. I want that for everyone, which is why I'm now proud to give back to WHW."

- Survivor & Donor

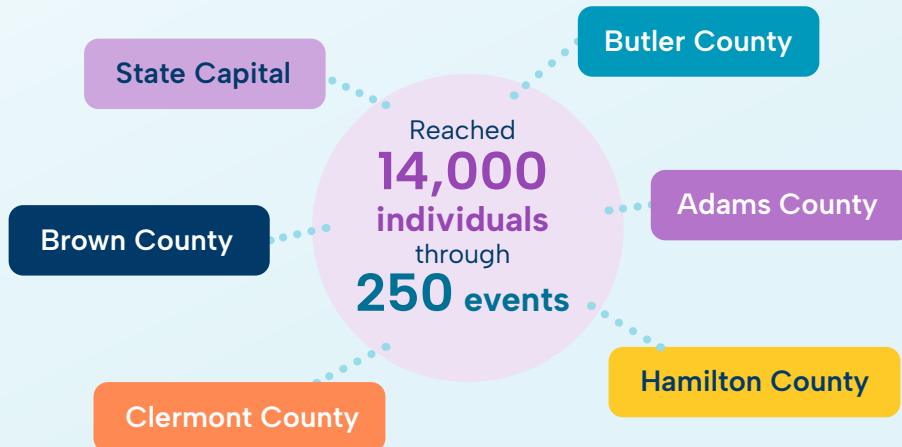
PREVENTION PROGRAMS

**We do not only respond to violence.
We work to prevent it.**

Violence prevention is not secondary to crisis response. It is **part of the same public health mission**. If we want a safer region, we must do more than respond after trauma occurs. We must equip young people and communities with the investment of prevention.

WHW provides a comprehensive range of innovative, evidence-based programs to educate youth and community members on healthy relationships, consent, boundary setting, warning signs of violence and more.

Community Outreach & Advocacy:



Prevent & Empower:

An evidence-based, interactive 5-day program for schools or youth-serving organizations that explores healthy vs. unhealthy relationships, boundaries, and bystander intervention



Provided in **38 schools**
to **4,250 students**
across **246 days**
in each county



97% of students report feeling confident in identifying **signs of a healthy or unhealthy relationship**



94% of students report feeling confident **setting boundaries with a dating partner**

94% of students report feeling confident **using bystander intervention strategies** to intervene in a potentially harmful situation



FRANCIE GARBER PEPPER SURVIVOR EQUITY FUND

**Survivors don't just need support.
They need money.**

This is what it looks like to believe survivors in action. Not only by listening.
Not only by standing beside them. But by moving resources in times that matter.

Safety Plan

- hotel stays
- relocation
- rent
- utilities

Housing Stability

- eviction prevention
- lock changes
- storage
- moving expenses

Basic Needs

- groceries
- hygiene products
- clothing
- baby supplies
- transportation

\$750,000+
Client Safety
Assistance

1,313
Survivors and
their children

- **\$494,460 in eviction prevention for 645 survivors and their families** (rental assistance, deposit assistance, utility assistance, and safe relocation)
- **1,870 nights in a hotel for 118 families** with **236 children** for a safe place to sleep
- **1,553 Ubers**, to get survivors to and from court and other travel needs

SEF dispensed
\$1.7 M
to survivors in
the past 2 years

Survivor Created. Survivor Driven.

Unique Initiative – This flexible economic tool provides long term investment in survivors, not just triaging.





“Through the dedication of your organization, we were able to rebuild from nothing to reconnect with society, regain stability, and begin functioning as hopeful and engaged members of the community once again.”

– Survivor



FINANCIALS

Sustaining a regional safety net

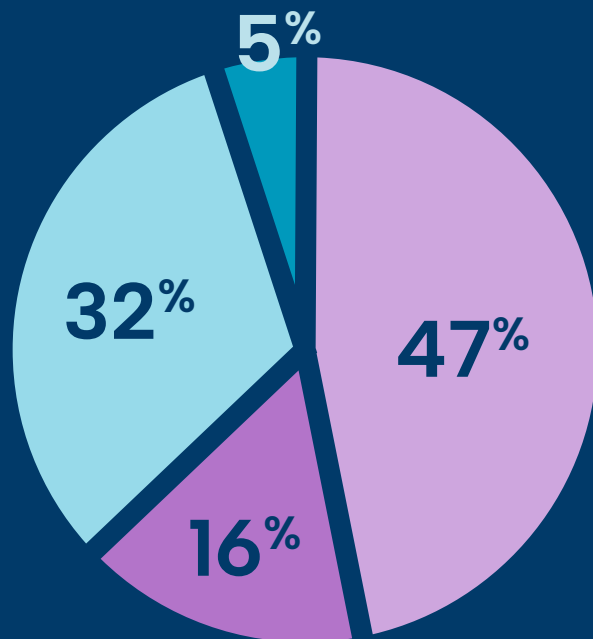


\$8,200,000

Total Revenue

\$7,530,000

Total Expenses



Government Grants

Foundations and United Way

Individual Contributions

Program Fees and Other

WHW's impact is made possible by a **financial model built both for urgency and durability**. In 2025, WHW stewarded \$8,200,000 in total revenue to support direct services, prevention, crisis response, advocacy, and long-term organizational stability. Total expenses were \$7,530,000, with revenue in excess of expenses earmarked for future sustainability.

Our financial structure reflects the scale of the work. The majority of expenses support the people and systems required to meet survivors where they are: **72% in salaries and benefits, 11% in client services and programs, and 17% in other expenses.**

Strong stewardship is not separate from mission. It is what allows WHW to remain available, responsive, and adaptable for survivors across Southwest Ohio.

GROWING AN ECOSYSTEM THAT STANDS WITH SURVIVORS

The People's House – Honoring Survivors



An unforgettable morning, this event featured Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, who shared her insights on advancing safety, empowerment, and justice for survivors and the power of communities coming together to create change, moderated by Jennie Rosenthal.

WHW also honored Governor Mike DeWine, in absentia, with the 2025 Champion for Survivors Award, recognizing his leadership in securing over \$60 million for survivor services in Ohio.



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8th Annual National
Virtual Corporate
Breakfast
October 21, 2025
9:00-10:15 AM



Big Bets, Bold Ideas, & Trust-Based Ecosystems

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8th Annual Virtual
Corporate Breakfast

WHW gathered five business, philanthropic, and community leaders to spark bold solutions for our region. Together, they shared to go after BIG bets, BOLD ideas, and partnerships rooted in trust, always centering survivors and championing financial empowerment.



Nonprofit Upstander of the Year
Awarded to Kristin Shrimplin

Nonprofit Upstander of the Year was awarded to Kristin Shrimplin from the Nancy and David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center. Presenting the award were Drew and Lea Lachey alongside Jackie Congedo.



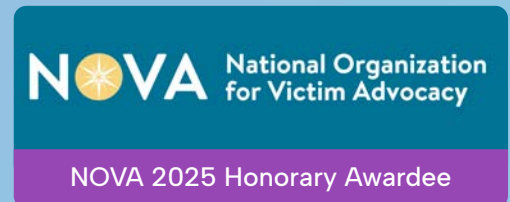
Purple Party Fundraiser

The Purple Party with Patti Collins & Women Helping Women was a safe & supportive space for survivors led with healing and empowerment. The "Is Anybody Out There Podcast" an entrepreneurial effort where women & others of abuse tell their stories & find healing was launched.



Statewide Agency
of the Year Award

WHW is recognized for its innovative prevention strategies, survivor-centered approach, and ability to adapt and lead amid shifting funding and community needs. Its work reflects a sustained commitment to survivor self-determination, accessibility, and advocacy, strengthening systems of safety and support across Southwest Ohio.
- NASW, Ohio Chapter



WHW was recognized as a NOVA 2025 Honorary Awardee in honor of tireless efforts to advance crime victims' rights. The extraordinary compassion, leadership and ingenuity have helped countless victims and survivors.

"As a social worker, I refer women to WHW constantly. I'm so happy that you are here in the community to remind people that it can be possible to live a happier, safer life."
- Partner Agency

The community behind the work

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When survivors need us, we are there.

Women Helping Women exists so survivors across Southwest Ohio are not left to face violence alone. In 2025, we answered calls for help at record scale, expanded access to safety and support, invested directly in survivor stability, and continued building one of the region's most comprehensive responses to gender-based violence. And every step of the way, we doubled down on prevention. Long before the hotline call comes in, we must invest in our children and young people for a future without violence.

The work ahead is still urgent. But so is the strength of collective power.
Thank you for joining us in—Believing Survivors. Investing in Survivors. Building Safety.

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