

Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas:

October Connections

Welcome to the October edition of Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas' monthly newsletter. As a valued supporter, we would like to share the latest updates on the work you make possible at Planned Parenthood. We have also included important action alerts and upcoming events.



HEALTHCARE: HEALTH CENTER RENOVATIONS

Because of you, Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas can continue renovating health centers as part of an ongoing effort to update all health centers to better serve our communities. Your generous support has provided beautiful, modern facilities that reflect the high quality of care Texans have trusted at Planned Parenthood for more than 85 years.

Thank you for your support as we celebrate the one-year anniversary of the newly reopened Mesquite Planned Parenthood health center.

Picture: Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas staff and supporters and State Representative Rhetta Bowers at the Mesquite Health Center



EL PASO GIVING DAY

SUPPORT PLANNED PARENTHOOD ON EL PASO GIVING DAY!

We invite you to give early beginning on October 13 or wait until El Paso Giving Day. Donating on October 20? Give between 4:00 and 5:00 PM MT to help Planned Parenthood win the \$1,000 Traffic Jam Power Hour prize.



TAKE ACTION: SUMMER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Your generosity provides young adults in our communities the opportunity to participate in leadership programs with Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas Public Affairs staff to develop their advocacy skills. In supporting community outreach programs, like the Summer Leadership Program, you educate the next generation of leaders providing them with first-hand experience with planning community events, hosting fundraisers, and recruiting supporters to engage with Planned Parenthood.



"If I could describe this internship in only three words, I would use empowering, safe and knowledgeable. What I would take from this experience is to continue to create an army of support for those seeking reproductive justice."

Emily



"Since beginning this internship I feel like I have grown a lot as a person, it's made me realize how much I could really be doing to help the community. This internship has really opened my eyes to how "small" things can really add up to make a huge difference."

Dominique

A NEWS CONNECTION

TEXAS DELAYS PUBLICATION OF MATERNAL DEATH DATA

Texas' abortion bans have highlighted the state's maternal mortality rate, which is among the 10 highest in the country. Black people are almost three times as likely to die from a pregnancy-related cause than their non-black counterparts, according to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report, 2020. Many of the causes are preventable.

Stunningly, Texas' statewide leaders recently announced the delayed release of Texas' maternal mortality data. Texas' failure to share timely data is a barrier to addressing the maternal mortality health crisis and puts Black women in Texas further at risk for maternal death:

"There is so much to unpack from the data...no woman who chooses life should have to do so in exchange for their own."
–State Rep. Shawn Thierry.

Rep. Thierry is a champion for maternal health policies at the Texas Legislature and has described her own dangerous birthing experience.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

According to the American Cancer Society, detecting breast cancer early and while still localized translates to a five-year relative survival rate of 99%. Early detection means looking out for changes, scheduling routine clinical breast exams, and getting mammograms when recommended. Your support helps our patients access the care they need, helping to detect breast cancer in its earliest and most treatable stages.

20,000

In 2022, an estimated 20,000 women in Texas will be diagnosed with breast cancer. (dshs.state.tx.us)

Breast cancer ranks as the leading cancer diagnosis and cancer related cause of death for Hispanic women. (utexas.edu)

41%

Black women are 41% more likely to die of breast cancer than white women. Reasons for this health disparity include barriers to healthcare access such as affordability and health center appointments, but the main reason is inadequate health insurance. (cancer.org)

Our most common services provided are:



Birth control to help patients plan and space their pregnancies.



Testing and treatment for STIs, HIV tests, and PrEP and PEP.



Lifesaving breast and cervical cancer screenings.

EDUCATION: HEALTH EDUCATOR CHAT/TEXT

Supporters like you have ensured that Planned Parenthood patients who have time-sensitive sexual health questions can connect with a health educator seven days a week. Our health educators are trained and available to answer a range of sexual health questions via our chat program.

Your support allows urgent questions to be answered in real time. Here are examples of recent questions shared by chat/text:


- What are my rights regarding birth control?
- I am reaching out to see about getting my tubes tied.
- Given the Roe v. Wade decision, would it be a good idea to get my birth control switched out for a new one?
I currently have the non-hormonal IUD.
- With Roe v. Wade being overturned am I still able to get an abortion?


WAYS TO GIVE


Would you like to continue supporting high-quality healthcare services and sex education programs for generations to come? Contact Shawn Wills, Chief Development Officer, at (214) 363-3505 or shawn.wills@ppgt.org if you want to learn how a legacy gift to Planned Parenthood can ensure your commitment to high-quality care for all continues.

Your gift of:

 **\$1,000** reduces sexually transmitted infections through testing and treatment for six patients

 **\$360** protects one patient against certain types of HPV that can lead to cancer with the HPV vaccine

 **\$250** prevents cervical cancer through screenings for one patient

 **\$175** helps one patient access an annual exam to screen for breast cancer

If you have a question or if you want to learn more, please contact the Development Office at (214) 254-3017 or email us at development@ppgt.org.

