



SUMMER
2013

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**DATES &
EVENTS**

June 29, 2013
What to Expect When You're Not Expecting
Woodstock, NY

July 14, 2013
Community Benefit
Millbrook, NY

August 6, 2013
National Night Out
Various Locations

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Expanding Our Reach in Newburgh



Promotoras with Outreach Coordinator, Annette Marzan, celebrating at the Spring Soiree

Thanks to a generous grant from The Ralph E. Ogden Foundation, Planned Parenthood Mid-Hudson Valley has been able to make significant progress outreaching to Latina and immigrant women and girls in Orange and Sullivan Counties. Through training local community members as Community Health Promoters or Promotoras, we have been able to create a Planned Parenthood presence in the community that was previously lacking.

It is because of this success that we have expanded the program into the African-American community in Orange County, with a preliminary focus in Newburgh. The Promotoras, with the assistance of Latinos Unidos, have made such great progress in reaching the Latino community—whether through their own outreach or by partnering with other community agencies—that by expanding the program, we can be part of a solution in reducing health disparities in Latino and African-American communities.

Community Health Promoters with Assembly Member Didi Barrett and President and CEO, Ruth-Ellen Blodgett, at the WEA Rally in Albany



For the past 15 years Planned Parenthood Mid-Hudson Valley has had the pleasure of hosting a prom for LGBTQ youth and their allies from Dutchess, Ulster, Orange and Sullivan Counties. The Circles Prom is a safe space for LGBTQ youth who tend to feel uncomfortable going to the proms hosted by their own schools because of possible ridicule. Each year Superior Sounds DJs the event, which features all the fabulous perks

of traditional high school proms, with two added bonuses this year—a catwalk performance and photo booth to capture the memories!

Throughout the evening youth were calling their friends and telling them that this was the place to be! Planned Parenthood Mid-Hudson Valley is proud to have experienced our largest turnout to date, with over 100 local youth dancing the night away!

Special thanks to our supporters this year: GLSEN Hudson Valley, Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center, Jewish Family Service of Orange County, Kingston GSA, Kingston PFLAG, LGBTQ Coalition of Dutchess County, Newburgh PFLAG, Oakwood Friends GSA and River Haven. Thank you for helping us make a difference and create positive memories for all the LGBTQ youth and allies who attended!



Education Staff enjoying Prom and posing in the photo booth!

4 Women's Justice

Over the last six months four non-profit agencies, including Planned Parenthood Mid-Hudson Valley, created 4 Women's Justice—a coalition committed to standing united in fighting for women's rights, equality, dignity, freedom and safety. This coalition began from a need to address one of the many issues that their clients and patients face daily: sexism.

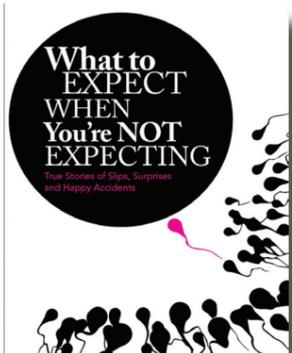
Planned Parenthood Mid-Hudson Valley, Safe Homes of Orange County, Rape Crisis Services - Mental Health Association in Orange County, Inc., and YWCA Orange County often found themselves answering many of

the same questions about the "how's" and "why's" many women lack the same access to health care, safety and equality that men typically have. The four organizations all provide services predominately to women—women who are survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault; women who lack the same job opportunities as their male counterparts; women who need and often can't afford access to reproductive and sexual health care.

Meeting once a month, the coalition discusses many of the issues facing women in Orange County from how rape culture contributed to the brutal rape of a young teenage girl by several male teens in Steubenville, Ohio to the recent human and sex trafficking ring that was busted locally with ties to Poughkeepsie and Newburgh. The coalition has also sponsored events to increase awareness of these issues such as the One Billion Rising Flash Mob and panel discussion for V-Day, the Celebrate Women event featuring Lori Adelman, Editor at the online site Feministing.com, the Anti-Sex Trafficking Conference and the showing of the film "Invisible War" about the horrific amount of sexual assaults in the military.



Lori Adelman, Editor at Feministing.com, poses with Tiffany Card after Celebrate Women



On Saturday, May 11th, nearly 70 people attended Planned Parenthood Mid-Hudson Valley's first ever Spring Community Benefit at the home of longtime supporter Anne P. Sidamon-Eristoff, in Highland Falls, NY. The event was a success—raising more than \$15,000 in support of our

mission to continue serving the many women, men and teens in Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan and Ulster Counties.

Please join us as TMI Productions debuts "What To Expect When You're NOT Expecting!"—a theater ensemble piece at the Bearsville Theater on June 29. With true stories of slips, surprises and happy accidents, the evening benefits Planned Parenthood and TMI's Outreach Initiative.

For tickets please go to : <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/378630>



Sandra van Heerden, event host Anne P. Sidamon-Eristoff and CEO Ruth-Ellen Blodgett at the Spring Community Benefit

Connect With Us in the Community!

Aug 4 La Guelagueetza Festival, Poughkeepsie
Aug 6 National Night Out, Various Locations
Sept 21 Latino Festival, Middletown

Sept 21 Mano a Mano Latino Resource Festival, Kingston
Sept 21 DARE Day, Middletown
Sept 21 GHVHC Annual Community Health Fair, Newburgh