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## **Planned Parenthood Charleston Ribbon Cutting**

(Charleston, SC) Planned Parenthood Health Systems, Inc. (PPHS) invites members of the media to join staff and supporters at a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Charleston Planned Parenthood Health Center (200 Rutledge Avenue) on Friday, June 12 at 4pm.

PPHS staff will be on hand for clinic tours and interview opportunities, including Walter J. Klausmeier, Jr., President/CEO; Janet Stevens, Charleston Health Center Manager; Sara Naff-Mlo, Vice President for Medical Services; and Lindsay Siler, Director of Public Policy. Additionally, community leaders and key supporters will speak briefly at the event about the importance of preventive education and health care services offered at the Planned Parenthood Health Center.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony will be followed by a reception from 5-7pm.

We welcome all media. Press passes are required and will be distributed upon arrival along with information packets about the Health Center. If possible, please call or email Kelly Love Johnson (contact information above) to confirm your attendance so we may accommodate all who plan to attend. We will have a separate area set up for television cameras and staff interviews.

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