



**“I have a story to tell. Do you?”**

**“In** the mid-fifties, I had a friend who went to Puerto Rico to have an abortion. It was impossible for her to find help in the state where she lived. “It was a horror story that even today upsets me.” My friend was taken to a dirty, squalid location where she was asked to lie down on a ping-pong table. What happened next was painful and degrading. It was not a medical procedure, it was brutality. When my friend finally recovered physically, she found that she was never able to have children. I don’t know if she really ever recovered psychologically. I know it has had an impact on me ever since.”

**SAFE, LEGAL, and ACCESSIBLE abortions save lives.**

## The Echoes Project

The Echoes Project will tell the stories of women and men who lived through the historical changes in family planning and reproductive rights.

Currently, ultra-conservative politics and religious factions pose ominous threats to these hard-won freedoms. Today’s young adults have grown up in the post *Roe v. Wade* era, with easily available contraception, and reproductive choices that are sometimes taken for granted. They are not familiar with the struggle for these freedoms and the heart-wrenching personal stories behind the struggles. In a time when these freedoms are on thin ice, it is important that today’s young adults know what the alternatives are, what it “used to be like.” **The Echoes Project** will provide that education, that link to the past. It will give today’s young people an idea of what they have to lose should they ignore the opportunities to protect their own reproductive rights.

Let *your* voice be heard too, first-person or anonymously. Share your story, through your own eyes and with your own voice. Planned Parenthood of Northeast and Mid Penn is collecting these photographs, written accounts and video testimonials into an historical record. To share your story, email [development@planitpa.org](mailto:development@planitpa.org) or call 610-481-0481 ext. 26