



Since 1938, Planned Parenthood of the Texas Capital Region has served as a trusted, nonprofit provider of high-quality, affordable reproductive health care in the Austin area. Planned Parenthood's three clinics provide valuable education and preventive health care services to more than 26,000 clients in Austin each year.

2008 PUBLIC AFFAIRS DINNER MOST SUCCESSFUL EVER!

With nearly 900 guests and an exciting live auction, the 2008 Public Affairs Dinner was Planned Parenthood of Austin's most successful fundraiser ever! Held on September 28 at the Hilton Austin, the event raised more than \$450,000 to support vital family planning and preventive health care services for low-income and uninsured Central Texans at our three Austin clinics.

Our special guest, Lily Tomlin, delighted the crowd with stories from her life and brought out some of her most beloved characters, like Ernestine, the telephone operator, during an interview conducted by Ken Stein, Executive Director of the Paramount and State Theatres. We were pleased to honor Joan and David Hilgers with the 4th Annual Robbie and Tom Ausley Leadership Award for their years of dedicated service to Planned Parenthood and the Austin community.



(Left) Lily Tomlin shares a laugh during her Q & A with Ken Stein, Executive Director of the Paramount and State Theatres. (Right) Tomlin with winners of the Ausley Leadership Award, David and Joan Hilgers. The Hilgers were honored for their extraordinary volunteer service on behalf of Planned Parenthood.

We are deeply grateful to Evan Smith, President and Editor in Chief of Texas Monthly for serving as our Master of Ceremonies and live auctioneer; event co-chairs Peggy Pickle and her daughter, Bergan Casey, for their tremendous leadership efforts; and our event

committee and host families for making Planned Parenthood's 2008 Public Affairs Dinner so successful.

Thank you to all of our Public Affairs Dinner guests for helping us celebrate our 70th Anniversary with enthusiasm! We couldn't do it without you!

Welcome Home to Austin's New Medical Director!



Planned Parenthood is thrilled to welcome our new full-time Medical Director, Scott J. Spear, M.D., F.A.A.P., to our Austin clinics! A graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and Baylor College of Medicine, Dr. Spear has a fellowship in Adolescent Medicine and is recognized nationally as a leading physician in reproductive health care.

Prior to accepting the position in Austin, Dr. Spear served as Medical Director for Planned Parenthood of Arkansas and Eastern Oklahoma. Dr. Spear serves nationally on the Guttmacher Institute Board of Directors and the Association of Reproductive Health Professionals' Board of Directors.

Dr. Spear has served on the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) Board and is a past Chair of the PPFA National Medical Committee. He has been involved in health care delivery and oversight since the early 1980s. His extensive experience working locally and nationally with Planned Parenthood will prove invaluable as Planned Parenthood expands to meet the growing health care needs of the Austin community in the years ahead. Welcome, Dr. Spear!

*Scott J. Spear,
M.D., F.A.A.P.*

Cheers to Planned Parenthood Volunteers!

Planned Parenthood successfully launched our new volunteer program with a happy hour at Cuba Libre Lounge in downtown Austin on September 24. More than 35 supporters attended the "Cheers to our Volunteers" event, including special guest, Senator Jeff Wentworth. Visit our website to learn more about volunteering with Planned Parenthood.

Save the Dates:

October Volunteer Night
Thursday, October 16th
5:30pm – 7:00pm

Volunteer Orientation
Thursday, November 5th
10:00am – 11:30am
and* 6:00pm – 7:30pm

November Volunteer Night
Thursday, November 20th
5:30pm – 7:00pm

**You only must attend one session per year; please pick the time that is most convenient to you.*



(Above, left to right) Ish Kundawala, Senator Jeff Wentworth, and Sarah Wheat at the Planned Parenthood event at Cuba Libre, downtown. (Left photo, left to right) LaDreka Burton and Raquel Hernandez enjoy the party.

For more information or to RSVP to attend any of these events, please email Simone Nichols at simone.nichols@ppaustin.org or call Simone at 276-8076.

Planned Parenthood Partners on Contraception Research

Planned Parenthood is a participant in the second phase of a research study on emergency contraception that will evaluate the effectiveness of a new anti-progestin medication compared to the standard treatment with levonorgestrel, also known as Plan B. Among the benefits to our clients is the opportunity to receive treatment with a new medication that may be more effective and bring fewer side-effects than today's regimen. Participation in the study is optional and available to clients accessing our Downtown and North Austin clinic locations. Planned Parenthood is proud to serve as a medical partner to help advance important contraceptive research.

Thank You to Alyssa, Our Public Affairs Intern

Alyssa Morrison, our 2008 Public Affairs Intern, assisted with public policy and outreach projects this summer including research on legislative issues, and expanding a directory of resources for our clients.



Alyssa Morrison

Alyssa came to Planned Parenthood with a background in women's rights advocacy. She recently spent a semester abroad in Cape Town, South Africa working at a local domestic violence shelter and volunteered at the family violence shelter in her hometown of New Braunfels, Texas. Following her

internship, Alyssa shared, "I am even more passionate about Planned Parenthood after learning the full scope of what Planned Parenthood does for the community."

Alyssa is a student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, pursuing a major in Public Policy Analysis. We enjoyed working with such an amazing young woman and wish her all the best in her studies and beyond! If you are interested in a Public Affairs internship, please email Sarah Wheat at sarah.wheat@ppaustin.org.



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