



PLANNED PARENTHOOD'S MOST SUCCESSFUL DINNER EVER!

the choice for generations 2011 Dinner with Anna Quindlen

With a sold-out crowd of more than 800 guests, this year's dinner was Planned Parenthood's most successful fundraiser ever! The event raised more than \$650,000 to support high-quality health care and education services for low-income and uninsured Austin clients with a portion of the funds designated for the *Austin Stands with Planned Parenthood* campaign to support the E. 7th Street health center that lost all government funding as a result of Governor Perry's new budget.

Keynote speaker Anna Quindlen provided a moving

Thank you to everyone who attended *Planned Parenthood's Choice for Generations Dinner* on Nov. 6.

With a sold-out



Co-Chair Beverly Reeves, with keynote Anna Quindlen, and Co-Chair Aimee Boone

and inspiring keynote about why Planned Parenthood matters. The Clasquin Harslem family—Rani Clasquin, Eric Harslem and Kate Harslem— received the *Robbie and Tom Ausley Leadership Award* for their steadfast commitment to improving health care access and enhancing education opportunities in the Austin community.



Eric Harslem, Rani Clasquin, and Tom & Robbie Ausley

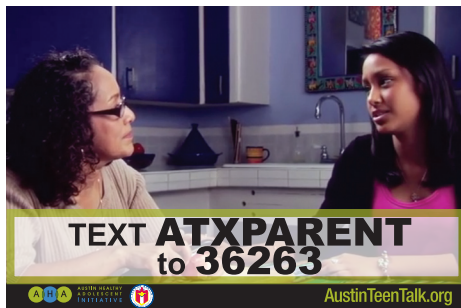
Thank you to our phenomenal co-chairs Aimee B. Boone and Beverly G. Reeves, who helped make the event such a great success; to Senator Kirk Watson; Reverend Freddie B. Dixon; Mayor Lee Leffingwell; Alex Albright and Laura Scanlan Cho, our Board Chair and Vice-Chair; Bonnie Mills, Chair of the *Austin Stands with Planned Parenthood* campaign; and finally to each of you who support Planned Parenthood.

As the political attacks on Planned Parenthood continue, your support is so important.

Thank you for standing with Planned Parenthood!

PLANNED PARENTHOOD PARTNERS WITH PARENTS TO KEEP TEENS SAFE AND HEALTHY

Planned Parenthood's *Talk First (¡Hable Primero!)* programs offer free workshops for parents that provide tools and strategies to increase parent-child communication about sexual health issues. Research shows that young people who talk to their parents about sexual health are more likely to delay sexual activity and make more responsible decisions when they do engage in sexual activity. Workshops are offered in both English and Spanish and can be hosted in homes, churches, schools, or anywhere else parents gather. Fall 2011 *Talk First* workshops were held at Youth Advocate Program, Austin Jewish Academy, KIPP: Austin Public Schools, Hudson Bend Middle School, St. Martin's Lutheran Church, and GENaustin's *We Are Girls Conference*. Feedback from parents has been overwhelmingly positive. One parent wrote, "It makes you more comfortable about these topics, and more comfortable to talk to your kids."



Planned Parenthood is also partnering with the City of Austin to launch the Parent Text Line, a tool for parents to access information and have their questions answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week via text message. Learn more about this partnership at <http://www.austinteentalk.org/Parent.html>

PLANNED PARENTHOOD PARTNERS WITH SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE®

As a partner with the Austin Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure®, Planned Parenthood provides free breast health evaluations, education, and mammogram referrals. It is recommended that women between the ages of 20 and 40 receive a clinical breast exam every three years, or when they detect an unusual lump, thickening, change in size, swelling, discoloration, unusual discharge, or any other abnormalities of the breast.



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THANK YOU, AUSTIN, FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Texas Governor Rick Perry's budget singled out women's health for severe cuts—eliminating more than 2/3 of funding for basic women's health care and family planning. As a result Planned Parenthood's E. 7th Street health center lost all of its government funding that provided free, life-saving health screenings and birth control to more than 4,000 Austinites annually. When we turned to you for help, more than 700 of you reached into your pockets to donate to provide free life-saving health exams and birth control to clients who depend on our E. 7th Street health center. As of Dec. 5, **289 clients** have received free health exams funded 100% by these donations.



Volunteers at a rally in support of the E. 7th Street health center.

Austin community partners have also come out in full force to support Planned Parenthood. As a part of the **Austin Stands with Planned Parenthood** campaign, six Austin salons donated a portion of their proceeds to Planned Parenthood. Hearts and Robots Salon also held a clothing swap benefit. Thank you to Hearts and Robots, Platypus, Vain, Fringe, and Wet salons for supporting Planned Parenthood's E. 7th Street clients.



Hearts and Robots Salon held a clothing swap and collected donations for Planned Parenthood.

Also, Poison Apple Initiative hosted an artistic demonstration on Sept. 14 to oppose Texas' family planning defunding. The performative action, in the tradition of

“invisible” and “guerrilla” theatre movements, featured local actresses marching along Congress Avenue, performing a short piece and ending at the Capitol with a visual representation of the numbers of women and men who depend on Planned Parenthood and other health centers that were defunded by Gov. Perry's budget. If you would like to host an event to benefit Planned Parenthood, please contact Cyndi Hughes at cyndi.hughes@ppaustin.org or 512-276-8081.

Want to donate today? Text **“ISTAND”** to **“501501”** to make a donation of \$10 to support the E. 7th Street health center.

CECILE RICHARDS SUPPORTS DOWNTOWN CLINIC



Cecile and her two daughters planting pink flags around the E. 7th Street health center.



Volunteers rally in support of the E. 7th Street health center.

Cecile Richards, President of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, met with staff and supporters of Planned Parenthood at our E. 7th Street health center on Sept. 23 to thank them for continuing to provide essential health care services despite elimination of all government funding for the health center as a result of Governor Perry's new budget.



Pink flags represent donations to the *Austin Stands with Planned Parenthood* campaign.

MISSISSIPPI PERSONHOOD AMENDMENT DEFEATED

Planned Parenthood in Austin joined 28 states to sponsor volunteer phone banking to Mississippi voters to oppose the Nov. 8 “personhood” referendum that would have legally designated a fertilized egg as entitled to all of the same legal rights as a person. This amendment could have had extreme consequences like outlawing common forms of birth control, preventing some couples from using in vitro fertilization, and would have made no exceptions for rape, incest, and saving the life of a mother.

Planned Parenthood Austin volunteers added to the 412,699 phone calls made by Planned Parenthoods across the U.S. that contributed to the 58% to 42% defeat by voters in Mississippi. Thank you to all of the volunteers who came by to help out!