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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 3 clinics provide valuable education, counseling and preventive health care services to more than 26,000 clients in Austin each year.

CHOICE FOR GENERATIONS PUBLIC AFFAIRS DINNER IS A SOLD-OUT SUCCESS!

On Sunday, October 21, Planned Parenthood hosted its annual Public Affairs Dinner benefit at the Renaissance Austin Hotel. The theme of the dinner, "*Generations of Service, Generations of Support*," highlighted multi-generational support for Planned Parenthood in Austin which celebrates 70 years of service to Central Texas in 2008. The overwhelming response to this year's benefit allowed Planned Parenthood to sell nearly 1,000 tickets, exceeding the event's fundraising goal.

The event included a committee of host families including co-chairs Nancy Scanlan and Laura Scanlan Cho; Jimmie Dale Gilmore and Elyse Yates; U.S.

Congressman Lloyd Doggett and Lisa and Cathy Doggett; and other Austin families. The late Governor Ann Richards' four children: Cecile, Clark, Daniel, and Ellen, served as

honorary co-chairs. Highlights of the dinner included a keynote by Cecile Richards, President of Planned Parenthood Federation of America and her introduction by her daughter, Lily. The event honored Sarah Weddington, winning attorney of *Roe v. Wade*, with the Ausley Leadership Award.



L to R, Cecile Richards, keynote speaker and President of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, and Sarah Weddington, award recipient, at the Choice for Generations Dinner.

TEXAS VOTERS APPROVE CANCER RESEARCH INITIATIVE

Following the recent vote on Proposition 15 (Prop. 15) on November 6th, Texas voters opened the door for Texas to become a national leader in cancer research. Prop. 15 authorizes \$3 billion in bonds over a 10 year period to finance the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. Through Planned Parenthood Prevention PAC, Planned Parenthood in Austin and across Texas reached out to more than 200,000 Texans by distributing mail pieces and e-mails in support of Prop. 15. Planned Parenthood's outreach was important because the Texas Eagle Forum and other groups actively campaigned against Prop. 15 due to concerns that embryonic stem cell research might be supported by the funds. Planned Parenthood Prevention PAC is proud to have contributed to the passage of Prop. 15 and helped promote cancer research in Texas.

RIBBON CUTTING CELEBRATES NEW BUILDING

On a rainy Monday morning, supporters, donors and friends of Planned Parenthood celebrated the successful completion of a \$6.6 million capital campaign called *The Choice Project* with a ribbon cutting for Planned Parenthood's new Education, Advocacy, and Administration Building. The capital campaign, launched in 1998, comprised 2



L to R, Rep. Mark Strama, Rep. Valinda Bolton, State Senator Kirk Watson, Austin City Councilmember Lee Leffingwell, Rep. Eddie Rodriguez, Rep. Elliott Naishtat, Capital Campaign Co-Chairs, Robbie and Tom Ausley, Elyse Yates (PPTCR Board Chair), Ken Lambrecht (PPTCR CEO), U.S. Congressman Lloyd Doggett, Mayor Will Wynn, and Austin City Councilmember Brewster McCracken help cut the ribbon to celebrate Planned Parenthood's new Education, Advocacy and Administration Building.

phases. The first phase of the capital campaign resulted in the opening of Planned Parenthood's new flagship medical clinic, the South Austin Clinic, in 2004. The South Austin Clinic currently provides high-quality affordable health care to more than 9,000 of Planned Parenthood's 26,000 clients served in Austin each year.

The second phase of the campaign was marked by the opening of the new Education, Advocacy, and Administration Building adjacent to the South Austin Clinic on October 22. The new building hosts a library of educational resources for parents, educators and other community members seeking medically-accurate, age-appropriate sexuality education, and multiple community rooms for health educators and volunteers to meet and host workshops and other activities.

Guests present included the elected officials in the above photo along with Glenda Parks (former CEO of PPTCR), and Cecile Richards, President of Planned Parenthood Federation of America. **In honor of the co-chairs of the capital campaign, Robbie and Tom Ausley, the entire complex will be named the Ausley Clinic and Education Center.**

VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT THE TEEN CLINIC

Planned Parenthood has a special Teen Clinic at our Downtown Clinic where volunteer educators help make a difference every day in the lives of young people. The Teen Clinic is open in the afternoons (2-6:30 pm, Mon-Fri; Sat 9-4) and offers a wide range of services at a free or reduced cost, including: sexuality education, HIV testing and counseling, sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment, and birth control (including emergency contraception). To ensure that young people have their health questions answered, Teen Clinic volunteer educators meet with teens to provide medically-accurate, age-appropriate sexual health education, answer questions, and make sure our clients are educated about their health. Funding for the Teen Clinic is provided by a Title X family planning grant.



Planned Parenthood Teen Clinic Volunteers (L to R): Louise Hanks, Tracy Hill, Elizabeth Dossman, Hannah Powell.

What our Teen Clinic Volunteers say: "The three hours I spend at the Planned Parenthood's Teen Clinic each week are the most meaningful hours of my week. Some of the teens are quiet and don't ask many questions. Others ask what seems like a hundred questions. Either way, I know that if I have done a good job listening and providing accurate information in an open and non-judgmental way, the teens are closer to being strong and sexually healthy young adults." Tracy Hill, volunteer health educator.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD HELPS TRAIN NEW NURSES

In a partnership with the University of Texas at Austin's School of Nursing, Planned Parenthood clinicians (Sandra Ransom, WHCNP, Elena Martinez, WHCNP and Suzie Campbell, CNS) serve as preceptors for advanced practice nursing students in the family nurse practitioner program. During the semester, the nursing students work closely with the Planned Parenthood clinicians, learning from advice and first-hand example, and are able to develop their skills and clinical judgment while serving clients in a family planning clinic. Planned Parenthood is proud to work with UT's School of Nursing and to help educate future Texas nurses!

New Hours at North Austin Clinic: 7:45am to 6:15pm

Planned Parenthood's North Austin Clinic has expanded access to care for clients by offering service both before AND after regular work hours! Clients can receive well-woman care, sexually transmitted infection testing, and birth control as early as 7:45am, as late as 6:15pm, and during lunchtime. These expanded hours mean that Planned Parenthood clients don't have to choose between taking time off work and taking care of their health!

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH: CHARLIE WALLACE

Born and raised in Chicago, Charles graduated from Northwestern University then moved to Austin to obtain a master's degree in Astrophysics at UT. Charlie worked for Xerox and served as a founding member of the Xerox National Analyst Advisory Board. In order to spend more time with his 3 children (then very young), he accepted a position as a systems analyst for a state agency. With his children now in high school and college, Charlie continues to be an active father, longtime team member of the Quark softball team, committed partner of 7 years to Kathleen, and an outstanding Planned Parenthood volunteer.



L to R, Charlie Wallace, volunteer and Cecile Richards, President of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, at the Choice for Generations Dinner.

Charles started volunteering at Planned Parenthood in 2004. Since then, he has participated in lobby day at the Capitol, helped with community outreach, and is a "go to" volunteer for events. Charles shared, "I've been an adamant feminist my entire life (due to the influence of my older sister). I was a high school teenager prior to *Roe v. Wade*, and know from experience what life for women was like then. I have absolutely NO desire to see a return to those times. Planned Parenthood, in my mind, is the most important organization working for the most important cause of our times: women's (and families') health and reproductive rights. We've worked too hard for far too long to have things slide backwards now," wrote Charles.

We appreciate you, Charlie and thank you for sharing your time with Planned Parenthood!

Preparing to Make End of Year Donations?

As the end of the year approaches, your charitable giving not only helps Planned Parenthood provide needed services to our clients, but can also help you save money when you file your taxes in 2008. If you itemize your tax deductions, gifts of cash are fully deductible up to 50% of your adjusted gross income. Other assets such as stocks, bonds, and mutual funds that are donated can provide tax savings too. If an asset has been owned for more than a year, you can generally deduct its full value. Please contact Deirdre Anderson at 512-276-8066 or deirdre.anderson@ppaustin.org about your end-of-year donation today!



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