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Planned Parenthood Arizona promotes and protects every person's freedom and right to enjoy sexual health and well-being, to make reproductive choices, and build healthy, strong families.

Proudly serving the metropolitan Phoenix and Tucson areas and the communities of Flagstaff, Prescott, Globe, and Yuma.

Omnibus Abortion Bill

Governor Brewer Signs Omnibus Abortion Bill



On June 23rd the Arizona Senate voted to pass HB2564, a far-reaching, broad bill that will undermine the ability of women to access abortion care. **On July 16th, Governor Jan Brewer signed it into law, and it may possibly go into effect on September 30th.**

This bill changes many of the regulations currently in place. It prohibits nurse practitioners from performing surgical abortion procedures; mandates specific information to be read to a patient during counseling; mandates a 24-hour waiting period; requires notarized parental consent for minors to access abortion services; makes it more difficult for a minor to obtain a judicial bypass; and allows all health care workers, including pharmacists, to refuse to provide information for or access to, abortion care and emergency contraception on personal or religious grounds. This new legislation supports all of the anti-choice measures that were vetoed by the former, pro-choice Governor Janet Napolitano.

If this law goes into effect, abortion care will remain in only three of ten Arizona communities creating an undue burden on rural and poor women who need access to care. A woman living in Yuma County would spend over \$500 in additional costs since services may close in her community.

Planned Parenthood Arizona's first priority is to care for the women and men who look to us for comprehensive, compassionate reproductive health care. Our attorneys are currently investigating ways to prevent this law from becoming a reality.



Bigger, Better, Closer

After more than a year of planning and recruitment, Planned Parenthood Arizona is proud and excited to **welcome our new statewide medical director, Dr. DeShawn Taylor.** During the next year, Dr. Taylor will be commuting back and forth between Phoenix and Los Angeles as she completes a contract commitment on a research study at USC in California. We are thrilled that she is now a part of the Planned Parenthood Arizona family.

My Planned Parenthood



Barry Goldwater's granddaughter, CC Goldwater, is continuing the long family tradition of supporting Planned Parenthood Arizona by recently becoming a Trustee and health center volunteer.

"I only wish more individuals and those in Congress could understand the incredible services Planned Parenthood Arizona provides. It's an honor to serve as a trustee."

CC will hold a fundraising reception for Planned Parenthood Arizona's advocacy and electoral work in her home on September 30, 2009. To find out how you can attend contact Liz Aiken at (602) 263-4214 or laiken@ppaz.org.

Education

Condom Fashion Show



TAG model Chloe

Planned Parenthood Arizona's **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)** hosted its **first annual condom fashion show** and community resource fair (title: *Dress Code: Proper Attire Required*) on Saturday, May 2nd in Tucson.

Participants sported some wild and wonderful fashions made out of condoms.

The Lighthouse YMCA graciously donated the use of their multipurpose room, while Planned Parenthood Arizona provided the condoms. Community partners included: Wingspan, Native Images, Women's Political Caucus, Southern Arizona Center Against

Public Policy

Rally for Choice

Our thanks to Phoenix producer and filmmaker Kristin Atwell for attending the **Planned Parenthood Arizona Rally for Choice on June 26th** to share the story of her mother Sherri Finkbine's very public ordeal fifty years ago. After learning that the thalidomide she had taken would likely cause severe deformities in her unborn child, the "Romper Room" lady began the process of seeking an abortion. Meaning only to warn others about the dangers of the drug, Finkbine's public admission subjected her and her family to intense public condemnation. It was 1962 and no one in a Phoenix hospital would give her access to the procedure.

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In Your Community



Planned Parenthood Arizona brings us into neighborhoods where we can make the biggest difference. The need is growing and together we are responding – **in your community.**

Up North

The June 13th **"Pride in the Pines," Flagstaff's festival for the LGBTQ community,** saw a steady stream of supporters from all over the state. Representatives from the Flagstaff Health Center had many visitors at their booth, expressing sorrow and outrage about the recent tragic death of Dr. George Tiller. Twelve supporters expressed a desire to volunteer, and one private firm offered to do security surveillance of the health center. Center staff and volunteers felt very loved and cared for by the community!

Our Volunteers, Our Future

Sexual Assault, Pima County Women's Commission, Pima County Library and the Volunteer Center of Southern Arizona. Music was provided by the local teen band Monterey.

TAG members staffed tables highlighting statistics about teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infection rates, and participated in a Red Light/Green Light game with trivia questions about birth control methods and sexually transmitted infections.

At 5:30 p.m. the fashion show began; the creativity and ingenuity of the designers was apparent in each unique creation. We were very pleased to learn that students from Tucson High, Catalina Foothills, BASIS, and Desert View High School were in attendance and participating in the activities.



Family and Friends of PPAZ

Hundreds of pro-choice activists gathered for the Rally to find out what they could do to help defeat HB2564, the omnibus anti-abortion bill that

was eventually signed in to law. Other speakers included Planned Parenthood Arizona President Bryan Howard, Vice President of Community Services Rachel Chanes, and State Representative Ed Ableser. Thousands of pro-choice activists emailed and called Governor Brewer asking her to respect women and veto HB2564.

Kristin Atwell Ford is an Arizona native. Sherri Finkbine was able to obtain a medically safe abortion in Sweden.

Planned Parenthood Arizona locations have long been targets for anti-choice protestors. Since the 7th Avenue health center in Phoenix opened, staff has offered services to women amidst varying levels of protest.



Volunteer patient escort Brian Key

During the past several months, **volunteer Patient Escorts have been braving the protestors, as well as the heat to provide a friendly and welcoming presence to our patients.**

Often, when protestors don't think they can

convince a patient to leave they make frightening and untrue claims about the medical professionals who work in the health centers, or they offer patients written information that is inaccurate and frequently harmful. These escorts volunteer because they are passionate about choice, and agree that no patient should suffer intimidation or any violation of privacy while seeking health care.

Thank you to our Patient Escorts: Amber Hughes; Stormy Rose; Renee Ouellet; Megan Howard; Kayla Fulmer; Sean Whitcomb; Brian Key; and Serena Turley for showing the courage of your convictions. For more information on volunteering, please contact volunteer@ppaz.org or 602.263.2225.

In the Middle

We are grateful for funding from **the Phoenix affiliate of Susan G. Komen for a Cure**, which enabled us to serve 53 women at our Breast Cancer Screening Clinic on May 16th at our **Maryvale Health Center**. Center staff was welcoming and enthusiastic, and patients were grateful for the opportunity to receive a no-cost mammogram and information. Two more Breast Cancer Screening Days are in the works.

From the South

Planned Parenthood Arizona is a proud partner with Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse to provide services to women impacted by abuse in Tucson, who often experience more difficulty in caring for their basic health needs, prevent and plan pregnancy due to the complex dynamics in an abusive situation as well as face challenges if faced with an unplanned pregnancy. Recent funding from the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona will allow us to provide service to this vulnerable population with a year's worth of birth control and well woman care at no charge to them.

Donate Now

Consider Planned Parenthood when making a charitable contribution through your **workplace giving programs**.

PPAZ Workplace Giving Codes:

Arizona and Maricopa County Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) – 99047

Maricopa County Employees Charitable Campaign (MCECC) – 7

State Employees Charitable Campaign (SECC) – 7

United Way (Central and Northern AZ)

Please designate Planned Parenthood and indicate agency number 7

United Way of Tucson & Southern Arizona – 224443

Pima County (ECAP) – 9849

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Tradition of Serving Families

On the morning of May 31, 2009, Dr. George Tiller was senselessly murdered as he attended his church in Kansas.

Dr. Tiller was the epitome of high quality medical care underscored by deep compassion for his patients. While he was not a Planned Parenthood provider, Dr. Tiller provided critical reproductive health care services, including abortion services, to women facing some of the most difficult medical circumstances. He was continually harassed by abortion opponents for much of his 40 year career – his clinic was burned down, he was shot by a protestor, and he was recently targeted for investigation only to be acquitted by a jury just a few months ago.

None of this stopped George Tiller from his commitment to providing women and their families with compassionate care that others were unwilling to offer.

His death is an enormous loss for the patients who relied on him, his dedicated staff, and the medical community. And it is also a loss for each of us for whom Dr. Tiller represented courage against unbelievable adversity.