



V-Mail



Pictured left to right: PPNEO President and CEO, Tara Broderick, US Senator Sherrod Brown, Cecile Richards and Connie Schultz

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RECEIVING DUPLICATE V-MAILS?

In an effort to streamline our database of volunteers and supporters, some of you may receive this V-Mail multiple times. We apologize for any duplication and hope this will not occur in the coming months. We certainly appreciate your patience and continued support while we update our internal lists.

Raise Your Hand: Amazing Results

If you haven't heard, the "Raise Your Hand" fundraiser held in September was a huge success! The goal was to raise \$75,000 for our organization and we exceeded that goal by \$31,000. That is a NET amount of \$106,000 raised for PPNEO. Of that amount, \$38,000 was raised in 4 minutes during our Mission Auction! The event was such a success due in part to the "Raise Your Hand" Volunteer Committee Members (Chair Christie L., Jill W., Laura Ruth B., Judy H., Margaret L., and Andrea W.), the incredibly committed PPNEO Development Department, the ever-supportive PPNEO President and CEO, Tara Broderick, and more than 30 volunteers (both PPNEO volunteer s and staff members) who worked at the gala that evening. There were 310 attendees at the gala and our organization was grateful to each and every one of them for their generous contributions.



Cecile Richards (center) pictured with rally attendees in Cleveland.

Prior to the "Raise Your Hand" Gala and Fundraiser, there was a "Raise Your Hand" Rally held outside the Cleveland Health Center. There were more than 200 Planned Parenthood supporters in attendance. Students from the College of Wooster, Case Western Reserve University and Oberlin University helped recruit young people and spoke at the event. These students encouraged their peers to get involved, and PPNEO staff spoke about the impact of PPNEO on our communities and our youth. Connie Schultz introduced Cecile Richards who finished with a call to action including getting involved in our advocacy efforts such as phone banking and collecting petitions and supporter ID

GO PAPERLESS it's so easy being green

PPNEO is committed to building stronger, sustainable communities.



Becoming more environmentally conscious by reducing paper use is one simple change that can make a lasting impact. If you get paper communications (e.g. newsletters, annual reports, event invitations, etc.) from PPNEO and want to go paperless, please call us at (216) 961-8804 x 1216 or email r.falck@ppneo.org.

TELL US WHY you volunteer with Planned Parenthood

People choose to demonstrate their support for Planned Parenthood in many different ways. Why is PPNEO important to you? Why do you volunteer your time? Share your stories and we'll publish one per issue. Guidelines: 250 words max. Include your photo if you want it printed with your story. Email it all to volunteer@ppneo.org. We will let you know that we received your story and when it will run. It's that easy, so send us your stories today!

NE Ohio

Become an Advocacy Volunteer

Interested in assisting in advocacy efforts at PPNEO? Here are some ways YOU can get involved:



- Call Ohio voters about current reproductive health policy issues
- Enter data
- Write letters to the editor on current policy issues
- Organize social media and develop blog posts
- Collect policy cards and petitions at events
- Voice your opinion to legislators through town halls and lobbying
- Conduct voter registration and education
- Set up advocacy billboards in our health centers and collect petition sign ups from our patients

If you are interested in advocacy efforts, please contact Ashley Thompson, Regional Field Manager, at a.thompson@ppneo.org or 216-961-8804 ext. 1253. Based on the options listed above, let her know how you would like to get involved. Please note that some positions require more training than others.

Canton

Canton Health Center to become Work Experience Program (WEP) Site

The Canton Health Center is in the process of becoming a placement site for the Stark County Department of Job and Family Services Work Experience Program (WEP). Participants in the Work Experience Program are placed as unpaid volunteers with contracted businesses and organizations in the Stark County area. These future volunteers are individuals who are eligible for Ohio Works First and/or food stamp benefits. To keep receiving these benefits, program participants must complete 20 hours per week of educational classes or work experience.

This is an exciting new experience for PPNEO and we are glad to help support these participants as they acquire experience with us. It is the hope of the program, and of our organization, that these volunteers are able to build skills that will help them to establish and/or regain employment. At the health center, the volunteers will be asked to perform basic administrative and clerical tasks and may gain greater responsibilities as their experience with us grows.

If this promising partnership is successful, it is something that PPNEO could implement in other counties in which we provide services. Please check future V-Mails for updates on the program.

VOLUNTEER SHOUT OUTS!

In each issue, we're taking a moment to spotlight some of our volunteers who make a big difference to our staff and clients!

Thank you so much to all of the volunteers who participated in phone banks throughout Northeast Ohio. We are so grateful for your help! Your participation helped defeat Ohio Issue 2 and Mississippi 26 regarding "personhood."

Although we have already expressed much appreciation, we would like to thank the volunteers who secured donations for the silent and live auctions at the "Raise Your Hand" Gala. Some of you even donated an experience such as sailing or your vacation home. Your donations helped us to have such a successful event! Thank you!

We'd also like to thank Rabbi A., Reverend L., and Reverend Z. of the Canton Community Leadership Council for meeting on behalf of PPNEO to discuss ways in which we can better engage diverse communities and meet with other clergy to better inform them, and in turn their congregants, about the services PPNEO provides. We are looking forward to seeing what develops!

Current Volunteer and Career Opportunities

Each volunteer and career opportunity is on our website at www.PPNEO.org. Click 'jobs' or 'volunteering'.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Clinic Assistant – Bedford
- NP – PA – CNM – Charge Clinician – Canton
- NP –PA- CNM – Lorain
- NP –PA- CNM – Youngstown
- NP –PA- CNM – Northeast Ohio
- Community Outreach Coordinator – Akron
- Community Care Coordinator – Cortland
- Community Educator – Bedford Heights
- Electronic Health Records and Technology Specialist – Bedford Heights

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Public Affairs Intern – NEO
- Community Education Intern – NEO
- Volunteer Patient Educator – NEO
- Volunteer Patient Educator – Physicians Only – NEO
- Recovery Room Assistant – Bedford
- Patient Escort Volunteer – Bedford

Wooster

CLC partnering with Students from the College of Wooster

PPNEO and a dedicated group of students from the College of Wooster are working to establish an official Vox (Voices for Planned Parenthood) Chapter on campus. The students have been working diligently on their paperwork to submit to the college and are currently seeking a faculty advisor. If you are interested in being their advisor, or know someone who might be interested, please email Ashley Thompson at a.thompson@ppneo.org.

Once the Vox Chapter is established, the Wooster CLC members will partner with them to host a student-centered tour and informational program about the services offered by PPNEO. The CLC members also plan to invite students from the Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute.

SAVE THE DATES!

Get details about and RSVP for all upcoming events in our **Event Center**.

GET INVOLVED.

There are many ways to support PPNEO and you can get started with many of them on our website. (Click for info)

Make a donation online!

Read recent media stories

Contact your local media

Join our social networks

Find job opportunities

Become an advocate

Find a health center

Educate your kids

Buy stuff

TELL US ABOUT IT.

Does a certain volunteer deserve the spotlight or a special thank you?

Is there something going on in your area that you think we should feature?

What else would you like to see in your V-Mail?

Tells us about it.

Mahoning Valley

CLC Members Present Panel Discussion

In a previous newsletter, an article outlined the Mahoning Valley CLC's presentation of "Sex and the Media: Sex Roles Stereotypes, Gender Identity and Inclusiveness." The discussion focused on how media perpetuates sex role stereotypes and gender identity, and how that portrayal influences inclusiveness in schools, workplace and other institutions. The fabulous members of the panel presented again on November 7th to the local chapter of the American Association of University Women. The panel was well-prepared and well-received by audience members.



Jen S., Sarah L., and Molly T. lead the panel discussion.



AAUW attendees listen intently to the information provided by the panelists.

Upcoming Meetings & Activities

YOUNGSTOWN

Thursday, December 1 from 4:00-6:00pm at a private home, contact Dana for details.

MANSFIELD

Stay tuned!

STARK COUNTY

Wednesday, January 4 from 5:00 – 6:30pm at the Canton Health Center

GREATER CLEVELAND

Tuesday, November 29 from 6:00 – 7:30pm at the Bedford Heights Office

WOOSTER

Wednesday, December 7 from 5:30 – 7:00pm at the Wooster Health Center

GREATER AKRON

Tuesday, December 6 from 5:00-6:30pm at the Akron Headquarters

If you plan to attend a meeting or want to join a CLC, call Cindy or Dana at 330-535-2674.

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