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A Newsletter For Planned Parenthood Supporters

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Planned Parenthood News

Health Care Reform Victory!

National health care reform has passed the House and Senate and been signed into law by President Obama. The new laws are a major victory for progressive policy reform in America. Women are now protected from gender discrimination by private insurers, and insurance companies can no longer drop a person's coverage for pregnancy, breast cancer, or other pre-existing conditions. Through an expansion of Medicaid, tens of millions of women and families now have meaningful health care coverage. In addition, the passage of health care reform means:

- Guaranteed access to affordable, life-saving screenings for breast and cervical cancer.
- Expansion of Medicaid's coverage of reproductive health care and family planning.
- \$75 million in annual grants for reproductive health education, including contraception.
- Funding for new community health centers that provide family planning services and basic reproductive health care.
- Support for maternal, infant, and early childhood home visiting programs, focusing on high-risk families.

Unfortunately, the bills signed into law have some shortcomings:

- Insurance coverage for abortions could become difficult or confusing to acquire when purchasing private insurance, starting in 2014.

- Grants for reproductive health education include \$50 million for failed abstinence-only education programs.

Planned Parenthood Has Pride!

On Sunday, March 26th, Planned Parenthood supporters and staff marched alongside other South Florida progressives in the 17th annual PrideFest of the Palm Beaches in downtown Lake Worth. This year's theme was Community Superheroes, and Planned Parenthood of South Florida and the Treasure Coast staff members were out in force, donning capes and costumes to become Super Advocates, Super Educators and Super Medical Providers. We celebrated pride with thousands of other revelers, distributing safe-sex information and materials along Lake Avenue on our way to Bryant Park.



Our Super Intern Rachel with staff members Sherry and Noelle at PrideFest



Affiliate CEO/President Lillian Tamayo with staff and supporters

Vero Beach Cocktails with a Twist 2010

On March 23, 2010, Planned Parenthood of South Florida and the Treasure Coast supporters gathered at the Vero Beach Country Club for a casually elegant evening of cocktails and dancing. Once again, our Vero Beach event was a smash hit! Dance instructor duo Joe and Sherry Tessier showed every attendee a salsa step or two,

and wowed the crowd with a professional dance exhibition. Special thanks to our event co-chairs and committee for another excellent evening in Vero.



Affiliate CEO/President Lillian Tamayo presents Champion of the Year award to Rosemarie and Dr. Harold Schulman



Event co-chair Pam Director, Lillian Tamayo and event co-chair Suzy Bromwell

Take Care

April is National STD Awareness and Prevention Month

Each April, the Centers for Disease Control partners with Planned Parenthood Federation of America, MTV, and other organizations to raise awareness about sexually transmitted diseases and infections. These organizations, including this local affiliate, set out to emphasize the importance of preventing, testing for, and properly treating STDs. The most important goal, however, is making conversations about sexual health and routine STD testing commonplace for all Americans.

At least 1 in 4 teenage girls has an STD

Many STDs do not have any symptoms

By age 25, one in two sexually active people will be infected with an STD

GYT Now

Get Yourself Tested / Get Yourself Talking

Buy 3 STD tests. Get \$25 OFF your visit!

Visit your local Planned Parenthood health center in April for further details.

www.ppsoflo.org or 1-800-230-PLAN



As part of this month's outreach, Planned Parenthood has partnered with MTV for the 2010 Get Yourself Tested/Get Yourself Talking. In the month of April, purchase 3 STD tests at any of our South Florida health centers and you will receive a \$25 discount off the total cost of your visit.

Health Center Discounts



Planned Parenthood®
of South Florida and the Treasure Coast, Inc.

Schedule online to \$ave!

Thank you for scheduling your appointment with us online.

Bring this coupon along with your email confirmation to receive:

\$50 OFF your annual supply of birth control pills*

Ask us how your partner can save on their visit at PPSFTC too!

**Valid only with printed email confirmation. May not be combined with other specials, discounts or promotions.*

Expires
12/31/2010

[Make an appointment online](#) to visit one of our health centers, and you will receive a coupon for \$50 off your annual birth control supply. Also, sign up for our Pills Now, Pay Later program and receive a discount off your annual supply. Call your local health center for more information, and schedule an appointment online or on the phone today.

Attention College Students



As part of our month long celebration of Women's History Month, in conjunction with Florida Atlantic University's Feminist Student Union and the FAU chapter of VOX: Voices for Planned Parenthood, we supported a presentation of the Vagina Monologues on Saturday, March 27th.



FAU VOX members tabling before the play

For more exciting events, check out our website. To [learn more about VOX](#) or to get involved on your campus, contact your campus VOX Chapter.

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Florida Atlantic University VOX: fau.vox@gmail.com

The Chapters are also on Facebook, just type VOX in the Search bar.

Get Involved

Please visit [our events page](#) for details on all our upcoming events.

4th Annual Miami Tradition of Choice Luncheon



We are pleased to feature Cecile Richards as this year's Miami Tradition of Choice Luncheon keynote speaker. Ms. Richards has been President of Planned Parenthood Federation of America and Planned Parenthood Action Fund since February 2006. Ms. Richards is the daughter of former Texas Governor Ann Richards, and was raised in a tradition of commitment to social justice and public service. She has become a nationally recognized progressive leader and a fierce advocate for reproductive health and rights.

Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Time: 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables

Price: \$100 - sponsorship opportunities are available. Purchase tickets online today by [clicking here](#).

RSVP: For more information call 1-800-225-1540

Legislative Briefing: 2010 Florida Session

A number of anti-choice bills have been introduced into this year's Legislative session. In the face of legislation designed to criminalize abortion, even in the case of rape and incest, it is vital for our elected officials to hear their constituents' pro-choice message during this session. To learn more about Planned Parenthood's legislative priorities, the anti-choice bills introduced in the Florida Legislature, and how you can help support choice in Florida please join us for our 2010 Florida Legislative Briefings in West Palm Beach or Miami.

Date: Thursday, April 15, 2010

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Location: West Palm Beach Admin Office or Miami Admin Office

RSVP: Takeata.Pang@ppsoflo.org or (561) 472-9942 for West Palm Beach, or Mayte.Canino@ppsoflo.org or (786) 594-4741 for Miami

Coffee and Conversation with Your Elected Officials

Join us after the conclusion of the 2010 Florida Legislature's session to meet with elected officials, learn about critical legislation victories, and discover future volunteer opportunities. Coffee and bagels will be served. Your RSVP is kindly requested.

Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Time: 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: United Way of Miami-Dade, Conference Room A (3250 SW 3rd Ave Miami, FL 33129)

RSVP: Mayte.Canino@ppsoflo.org or (786) 594-4741

WE NEED YOU!

There is so much work to be done! We have a number of projects that need great volunteers, and now is a great time to get involved with Planned Parenthood. Community service hours are available for students. To get started, [click here](#) and we'll be in touch.

Share Your Story

Whether you're a patient, donor, volunteer, or all three, please speak out and share your story about the importance of Planned Parenthood and reproductive rights. Has Planned Parenthood made a difference in your life? Please share your story with us, so we can share it with the world. Your privacy is guaranteed, and your story can be submitted anonymously. Please, [click here](#) to let us know what kind of impact Planned Parenthood has had on your life.

The Planned Parenthood Team

Summer 2010 Interns

Planned Parenthood is still accepting applications for our Summer 2010 internship programs in Miami and West Palm Beach. Interns will assist the Public Affairs Department in achieving its grassroots organizing and legislative goals. [Click here](#) for more information and application instructions.

We're Hiring

At Planned Parenthood, our most important resource is our people. Our dedicated staff and interns serve the local South Florida community every day. [Click here](#) to learn more about local employment opportunities.

For up to date information on Events and Health Center Specials join us on [Facebook](#), [MySpace](#), and visit our [Homepage](#).



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