

## SPOTLIGHT

A Newsletter For Planned Parenthood Supporters

**February 2011**

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### Planned Parenthood News

#### Stand with Planned Parenthood



As you may already be painfully aware of, on Friday, February 18, 2011, the United States House of Representatives voted 240-185 to defund Planned Parenthood. Our focus now shifts to the United States Senate in protecting Planned Parenthood's access to federal funding. The continued outpouring of support for our critical services is flooding in from across the country.

Directly following the vote [www.IStandWithPlannedParenthood.org](http://www.IStandWithPlannedParenthood.org) was launched. 456,000 people have signed the letter already. If you haven't already done so, please take a minute to Sign our open letter. It will be sent to every single representative in the House who voted for this cruel, unconscionable, unthinkable law, and to every senator who still has a chance to stop it.

#### Ways You Can Stand With Planned Parenthood

1. [Sign](#) the Open Letter to Congress
2. [Forward](#) to your Friends and have them Sign
3. [Join](#) us for a Rally and Press Conference in Miami and West Palm Beach, *Friday February 25, 2011 at 11am.*
4. [Make](#) calls at the Phone Bank on *Wednesday March 2, 2011* at West Palm Beach and Miami Offices, 1-4pm.
5. [Rally](#) with us in Tallahassee *April 11-13th* to make sure the State Legislature knows Women's Health Matters!

#### Teen Time® – We're Here! (There and Everywhere!)



*Teen Time Students participating in an activity.*



*Parents gather in Lake Worth West Community Center for Time for Your Teen.*



*Parents and Teens Celebrate the Completion of their program at Coleman Park.*



*Educator, David Block teaching a Teen Time program at the Lake Worth West Community Center.*

2011 is already proving to be a busy year in our education department. Planned Parenthood's Teen Time program proudly launched a new parent education program called *Time for Your Teen*. This program helps enhance parent-teen communication and focuses on ways in which parents can help their kids to make smart safe choices when it comes to their sexual health and well being. Sr. Community Health Educators, David Block & Patricia Thomas (pictured above) have been working with Coleman Park & Lake Worth West Community Center with this new parent and teen program.

Teen Time has been out and about in the community facilitating parent informational workshops & teen centered sexual health education for organizations such as; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., High Ridge Family Center, Boys & Girls Club of Riviera Beach, Youth Empowerment Center of Riviera Beach, Gaines Park, Pompey Park and the Parent Institute conducted at Palm Beach Central High School.

In the classroom Teen Time Educators are staying ahead of the curve by using student response technology which encourages class participation

and creates a truly unique learning environment. Students use a "clicker" to enter answers to questions that appear within a power point presentation on a screen, Educators then gauge student understanding instantly with visual charts in real-time.

Look for Teen Time at the "Heart of Boynton" Celebration in Boynton Beach, Project Alpha in Delray Beach, and "LIVING THE LEGACY" Progressive Northwest Neighborhood Health and Safety Fair in West Palm Beach! [Check out](#) more information about our Teen Time Program.

### Take Care

#### National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, February 7th of every year, is a national HIV testing and treatment community mobilization initiative educating community members across the United States. There are four specific focal points: education, testing, involvement, and treatment. Every year in the United States, since the epidemic began in 1981, Black community members have been disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS. National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is crucial in working to stem the tide of HIV and ensuring those who test positive are linked to care and treatment services.

Have you been tested? [Make an appointment online](#) to visit one of our health centers, or call your local health center for more information.

If you are between the ages 12-25 you may be eligible for a [Free HIV Test](#) while Supplies Last. Contact our Pembroke Pines Health Center at 561-954-5747 to learn how you can get your test for FREE.

### College Students: VOX News



#### Birth Control Matters



Do you support No-cost birth control? The new health care reform law should ensure that prescription birth control is available to every woman without co-pays or other out-of-pocket cost to ensure that every woman has access to birth control that works best for her.

Sign the Petition by texting BCMatters to 69866 to add your name. When it asks for school please choose a VOX chapter to support (Florida Atlantic University, Florida International University, or University of Miami). You can also sign the petition online [here](#).

Students in Palm Beach County, please contact: [Takeata.Pang@ppsoflo.org](mailto:Takeata.Pang@ppsoflo.org) or call (561) 472-9942.

Students in Miami, please contact: [Mayte.Canino@ppsoflo.org](mailto:Mayte.Canino@ppsoflo.org) or call (786) 594-4741.

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

Find your local VOX chapter on Facebook:

[FAU in Boca Raton](#)

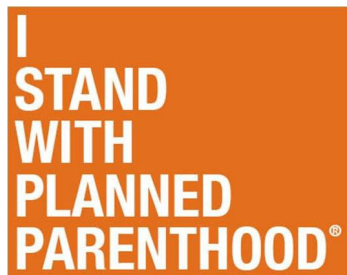
[Florida International University](#)

[University of Miami](#)

### Get Involved

Please visit [our events page](#) for more details on how to attend any of our upcoming events.

#### Rally and Press Conference to Defend Planned Parenthood



Local Supporters and Activists will be gathering across the State of Florida on Friday, February 25th at 11am! This is the most dangerous legislative assault on women's health in our history, and it cannot go unanswered. We need you to stand with us and with the three million women, men, and teens who rely on Planned Parenthood and who are now at risk of losing access to basic care.

Date: Friday, February 25, 2011

Time: 11am

Location: RSVP for Details

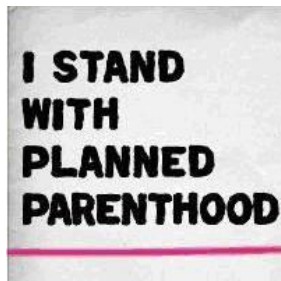
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#### Phone Bank to Stop Defunding of Planned Parenthood

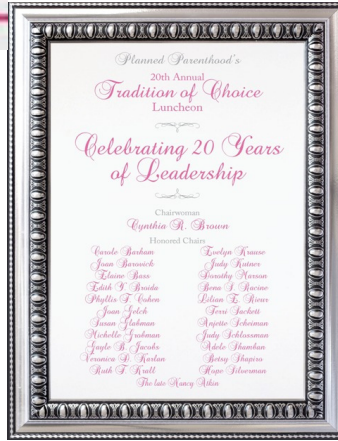
Join the local effort to Stop the U.S. Government from defunding Planned Parenthood. For many Americans, our doctors and nurses are the only health care providers they see. Those who want to put Planned Parenthood out of business have not explained how the three million Americans currently served by Planned Parenthood's more than 800 health centers will get the health care they need if this dangerous policy becomes law. Don't worry if you have not phone banked before, Training Will be provided. Light Lunch will also be served.

**Date:** Wednesday, March 2, 2011



Time: 1-4pm
Location: West Palm Beach or Miami Administrative Office
RSVP: Palm Beach- Takeata.Pang@ppsoflo.org or 561-472-9942
Miami- Mayte.Canino@ppsoflo.org or 786-594-4741

Tradition of Choice Luncheon: 20th Anniversary



Join Planned Parenthood supporters for the 20th Annual Tradition of Choice Luncheon. The event will feature Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, Anna Quindlen, as the keynote speaker.

Date: Thursday, March 3, 2011
Time: 11:30 AM
Location: Cohen Pavilion, Kravis Center
Price: \$125 each ticket
Purchase Tickets online.
RSVP: 800-225-1540 or Noelle.Biesterfeld@ppsoflo.org

Tallahassee Lobby Days

SAVE THE DATE



TALLAHASSEE LOBBY DAYS
APRIL 11-13, 2011

Join Planned Parenthood and fellow supporters for 3 days in Florida's capitol to rally and meet with elected officials. Help us let them know that Women's Health Matters!

RSVP: Palm Beach- Takeata.Pang@ppsoflo.org or call 561-472-9942
Miami- Mayte.Canino@ppsoflo.org or call 786-594-4741

Volunteer Opportunities

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 available. 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.

The Planned Parenthood Team

Internship and Fellow Postitions Available

Planned Parenthood is accepting applications for our Summer 2011 intern and Fellowship programs in Miami and West Palm Beach. Interns will assist the Public Affairs Department in achieving its grassroots organizing and legislative goals.

[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.

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