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## SPOTLIGHT

### A Newsletter For Planned Parenthood Supporters

February 2010

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#### Planned Parenthood News

##### Florida Legislative Session Begins March 2nd

The 2010 legislative session will begin in March. Planned Parenthood is excited about two important pieces of legislation that have been introduced into Florida's Legislature.



For Informed and Safe Florida Teenagers

The **Healthy Teens Act**, sponsored by Senator Ted Deutch and Representative Keith Fitzgerald, is a bill that would protect Florida teens by creating statewide standards for schools that choose to provide sexual education. These standards would ensure the information is factual, comprehensive, medically-accurate, and age-appropriate, including information about practicing abstinence. Teaching teens about pregnancy, family planning, and sexually transmitted infections including HIV/AIDS will guarantee they are prepared to protect themselves from unintended pregnancies and potentially deadly diseases.



Senator Nan Rich and Representative Audrey Gibson have introduced the **Prevention First Act**, to reduce the need for abortions in Florida by preventing unintended pregnancies through increased access to health care. The bill codifies the right to access birth control by stating that contraception is not abortion and shall not be treated as such under the law, would require information about and access to emergency contraception be provided to rape survivors, and requires pharmacies to ensure lawful prescriptions and over-the-counter contraceptives are dispensed to patients without delay or discrimination.

#### Teen Time Mural Dedication



On Friday evening, January 29, students from our West Palm Beach Teen Time afterschool program dedicated a mural they created and titled Healthy Choices, generously sponsored by a grant from the Quantum Foundation. The mural is located at the corner of Broadway and Northwood Road in West Palm Beach. The students worked on designing and creating this mural for over a year. To learn more about Planned Parenthood's Teen Time program [click here](#).

#### Pictures from Planned Parenthood Events



*Supporters Mingle at Palm Beach Roe @ 37 Celebration Kickoff Event*



*Cocktails with a Twist committee members at*



*Cocktails with a Twist Celebrity Bartenders  
(JD Lewis Jr, Lindsay Nickerson, Carson Novins, Roz Nielin)*



*Volunteers helping with a Mailing at WPB Office*



*Health Care Reform Phone Bank*



*Supporters represent Planned Parenthood at Palm Beach Legislative Hearing*

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**Take Care**

**February is Black History Month and February 7th was National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day**

Florida has the 2nd highest AIDS case rate in the country, and over 100,000 people living with AIDS

throughout the state. People of color are disproportionately impacted by HIV. Nearly half of new infections (49%) in 2006 were among African Americans, who make up only 13% of the U.S. population. In 2004, among African Americans aged 25-44 AIDS was the leading cause of death. It's of the utmost importance to educate yourself and our community about ways to prevent the transmission of HIV/AIDS. It's important to know your status - get tested for HIV today.

Find out more about [HIV/AIDS](#) or [make an appointment](#) to get tested at your local Health Center.

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### Attention College Students



### Valentine's Day Kicks Off National Condom Week

Planned Parenthood Vox Chapters around the country are giving away free condoms to commemorate National Condom Week, which began February 14th and runs through February 21st. Students in South Florida used the opportunity to gather petition signatures from fellow students to support the Healthy Teens and Prevention First Acts.



Vox chapters across South Florida have kicked off the spring semester with many exciting events. Check out our website to [learn more about VOX](#) or to get involved on your campus, contact your campus VOX Chapter.

**University of Miami VOX:** [voxumiami@hotmail.com](mailto:voxumiami@hotmail.com)

**Florida International University VOX:** [VOX.FIU.Chapter@gmail.com](mailto:VOX.FIU.Chapter@gmail.com)

**Florida Atlantic University VOX:** [fau.vox@gmail.com](mailto:fau.vox@gmail.com)

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

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### Get Involved

#### Last Chance to Advertise at the 19th Annual Tradition of Choice Luncheon

Tradition of Choice program ads are available for purchase! Starting at just \$25 for a 2 x 2 1/2 size ad, it's a great way to recognize loved ones or advertise your business. [Click here](#) for sample ads and [here](#) for the order form.

### 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](#).

### Volunteer Action Day at Planned Parenthood

There will be a brief workshop on different tactics that affect policy issues on a State and Federal level, followed by an opportunity to immediately put the information to use. Please take this opportunity to get involved and learn valuable skills that will help our cause, and also translate into many other areas.

Date: February 18, 2010

Time: 1-4pm

Location: West Palm Beach Admin Office

RSVP: Contact [Takeata.Pang@ppsoflo.org](mailto:Takeata.Pang@ppsoflo.org) or 561-472-9942

or

Date: February 18, 2010

Time: 1-4pm

Location: Miami Admin Office

RSVP: Contact [Mayte.Canino@ppsoflo.org](mailto:Mayte.Canino@ppsoflo.org) or 786-594-4741

### 19th Annual Tradition of Choice Luncheon

The luncheon will feature Linda Greenhouse, a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, and Knight Distinguished Journalist in Residence and Joseph Goldstein Senior Fellow in Law at Yale Law School. Ms. Greenhouse was the New York Times' Supreme Court Correspondent for 30 years, and is author of the biography of Justice Harry A. Blackmun, *Becoming Justice Blackmun*. The Tradition of Choice luncheon raises money for Planned Parenthood of South Florida and the Treasure Coast's award-winning and highly successful Teen Time® Program.

Date: Friday, March 5, 2010

Time: 11:30 am

Location: Cohen Pavilion, Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, West Palm Beach

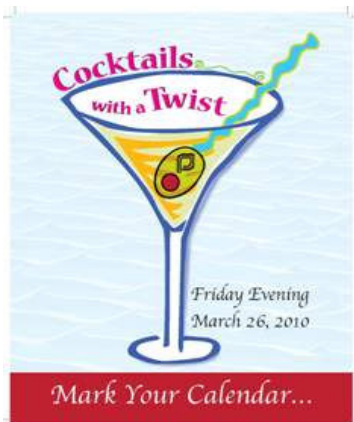
Price: \$125 / ticket

RSVP: [Click Here](#).

For More information contact Noelle Biesterfeld at 561-472-9966 or [Noelle.Biesterfeld@ppsoflo.org](mailto:Noelle.Biesterfeld@ppsoflo.org)

To Purchase tickets online [Click Here](#)

### 4th Annual Cocktails with a Twist



Fundraiser to benefit Martin County Planned Parenthood programs

Date: Friday, March 26, 2010

Time: 7-10 pm

Location: TBA

Price: \$150 pp, or through sponsorship opportunities

RSVP: Michelle King – [Michelle.King@ppsoflo.org](mailto:Michelle.King@ppsoflo.org)

### SAVE THE DATE: MIAMI Tradition of Choice Luncheon



The 4th Annual Luncheon in Miami will feature Cecile Richards, President of Planned Parenthood Federation of America and Planned Parenthood Action Fund.

Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Time: TBD

Location: The Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables

Price: TBD

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

### 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.



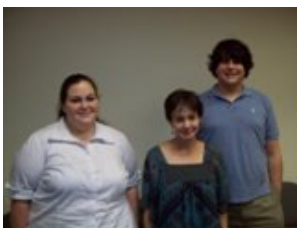
*Roe at 37 celebration attendees sharing their stories with Planned Parenthood*

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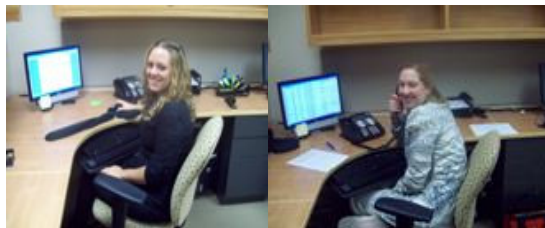
### The Planned Parenthood Team

### Spring 2010 Interns

Planned Parenthood is proud to welcome our Spring Semester Interns to the team.



*Palm Beach Interns  
(Rachel, Margie, Craig)*



*Miami Interns (Pina and Anne)*

### Seeking 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.

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