

## **Comments from the President/CEO of Planned Parenthood of Southern New Jersey**

Planned Parenthood is a trusted and valuable provider of breast cancer preventive services for women, performing nearly 750,000 breast cancer screenings last year, and helping women detect breast cancer and empowering them to take control of their health.

The announcement that the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation, in response to pressure from anti-women's health organizations, has made the decision to end future funding for lifesaving cancer screenings and breast health education work at Planned Parenthood health centers is a blow to the tens of thousands of women who receive vital breast cancer prevention services through this funding.

Planned Parenthood's quality, accessibility, and affordability make it a leader in identifying breast cancer early. That's why, with donor support, we will continue the critical work of lifesaving breast cancer screenings and education at Planned Parenthood health centers where Komen programs have ended.

Lastly, this announcement also makes it very clear that our opponents have an aggressive agenda to end our governmental funding as well as the funding of our services and programs provided by private non-profit organizations. Their bullying tactics should be recognized and condemned by all who support, respect and honor the work that Planned Parenthood does every day. The end goal is to insure healthy women and early detection of breast cancer---barriers to access and affordability should not occur.

Individuals interested in making a donation to support Planned Parenthood's breast cancer prevention care should visit and to take additional action, please visit [www.ppsnj.org](http://www.ppsnj.org).