

CHOICE WORDS

FALL 2011

Planned Parenthood Southwest Ohio Region strengthens our community by preventing unintended pregnancy and empowering individuals with the knowledge, opportunity, and freedom to make private decisions about reproductive and sexual health.

TITLE X FUNDING BLOCKED

PPSWO was notified in July that the Ohio Department of Health did not approve our application for the Reproductive Health and Wellness Program grant, formerly known as Title X.

We have had to adjust our business model, but we are moving forward.

Most patients don't see any change in their services, but the loss means we can no longer provide free services. Most impacted are vulnerable patients with incomes at or below the Federal Poverty Level (\$18,530 for a family of 3).

The good news is that the PPSWO Development Committee is working to raise additional funds to help those patients who qualify based on income to receive care for free.

If you are interested in donating to this need or to PPSWO for any reason, please go to www.supportppsw.org or contact our Development Department at 513-824-7810 in the Greater Cincinnati area or 937-528-4678 in the Greater Miami Valley area.

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We look forward to working with you!

STOP AIDS

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Prevention • Testing • Care

PPSWO and Stop AIDS are forming a partnership in order to provide anonymous and free HIV testing in Butler, Clermont, and Hamilton counties.

Stop AIDS served the Greater Cincinnati area for more than 28 years by providing HIV testing and counseling and prevention education as well as case management services for those living with HIV and AIDS.

Unfortunately, Stop AIDS lost their funding from the Ohio Department of Health and the Cincinnati Health Department (CHD) this year. Their board members worked closely with us resulting in PPSWO being awarded the funds from CHD to continue the testing and prevention outreach/education.

Todd Rademaker and Adam Reilly, formerly with Stop AIDS joined PPSWO's Education Department under the direction of Leslie Mitchell, PPSWO's Director of Education and Special Projects. Todd and Adam are conducting testing and outreach to the MSM (men who have sex with men) population. Testing is taking place at the former Stop AIDS building downtown on Findlay Street and at other locations such as health departments, treatment centers, and jails.

We are working on a management agreement with the Stop AIDS board, to raise funds to support education, outreach, and testing — all to be provided by PPSWO in an exciting new program.

PRIDE FESTIVAL

PPSWO proudly participated in the PRIDE celebration in Dayton, Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati.

We handed out condoms and information on safe sex practices to more than 5,000 parade revelers.

To demonstrate our new collaboration, members of Stop AIDS marched together with PPSWO on 5th Street in Downtown Cincinnati. Even though we were relegated to almost the end of the parade on a very hot afternoon, those gathered on the sidewalks greeted us with great applause and appreciation for our combined missions.



OHIO LEGISLATURE SNEAKS ANTI-CHOICE AMENDMENTS INTO BUDGET

The Ohio General Assembly resorted to last-minute backroom deals to insert anti-choice language into the state budget. The provisions themselves are bad enough, but the shady tactics to enact them reflect an astounding lack of concern for the health of Ohio's women.

The first provision bans certain political subdivisions from paying the cost of an employee health insurance policy that offers abortion coverage. Basically, employees of townships are now unable to buy health insurance that carries abortion benefits of any kind, imposing the ideology of state leadership on local benefit negotiations.

The other provision bans certain public hospitals from offering abortion services, except in reported cases of rape and incest, or to save the woman's life. This creates a perverse incentive for women in poor health to wait until their condition becomes life-threatening before they can access abortion care. It also prevents physicians at some of our state's finest medical facilities, such as University Hospital in Cincinnati, from providing the full range of care for their patients with high-risk pregnancies — many physicians may discontinue abortion services at these hospitals, rather than run afoul of the new law.

However, the legislators who enacted this law ignored its harmful effects, because they never debated either provision! Both provisions were inserted at the eleventh hour, after most debate in each house had ended. Since women's health was used as a bargaining chip, state leadership denied the opportunity for legislators to consider the ramifications of the budget that they passed, just as they denied the public the opportunity to oppose the provisions publicly and on the official record.



Ashley Kothegal, Lea Serbin and Taj Haider

PPSWO ATTENDS THE LULAC NATIONAL CONVENTION

The League of United Latin-American Citizens held its annual conference in Cincinnati in June, bringing 15,000 delegates from around the country to the Duke Energy Center.

PPSWO staffed a booth at the three-day Expo, distributing condoms, Spanish-language educational materials, and promotional materials.

The convention allowed PPSWO to contact leaders from around the country who are concerned with expanding access to family planning for Latinos, immigrant families, and those with limited English proficiency. The convention also offered PPSWO an invaluable opportunity to identify barriers to access for those populations, and many steps have already been taken to remove those barriers to help ensure every Ohioan has access to essential reproductive health care.

VOTING IN OHIO'S NOV. 8 ELECTION

(The following includes information gathered from online sources, including the Ohio Secretary of State, League of Women Voters, Project Vote Smart and Planned Parenthood Affiliates of Ohio.)

Qualifications

To vote in this year's Nov. 8, election, you must be at least 18 years old on or before the day of the general election, be registered to vote at least 30 days before the election, a US citizen, and a resident of Ohio and the precinct in which you will vote at least 30 days before the election.

Absentee Ballot Voting

Any qualified Ohio voter whose registration information is up to date may request and vote using an absentee ballot without stating a reason.

Contact your county Board of Elections to find out how to obtain an absentee ballot.

To mail a ballot, the return envelope containing your marked ballot must be postmarked by the US Postal Service no later than the day before the election and received by the board of elections no later than 10 days after the election.

ID Requirements

Bring proper ID. In Ohio, all voters are required to bring one of the following valid forms of identification with them to the polls: Ohio Driver's license, Ohio ID card or government card, United States passport, Military ID, recent utility bill (including cell phone bills), recent bank statement, government check or paycheck. If you left the house without one of these documents you may cast a provisional ballot provided that you follow up within 10 days to verify your identification.

Early Voting in Ohio

Ohio has a history of large voter turnouts when significant issues are on the ballot and heightened national interest in Issue 2 could result in unusually long lines in some areas. To reduce the waiting time Nov. 8th, each county has a designated early voting site, usually at the County Board of Elections. You may contact your local Board of Elections for early voting dates, hours and locations to avoid longer lines on Election Day.

Know Your Issues and Your Candidates

For help in planning how you'll vote on candidates and issues on the ballot, you may consult websites for either Project Vote Smart (<http://www.votesmart.org/>) or the League of Women Voters (<http://www.lwv.org>). Both are non-partisan voter education organizations. For more information about voting in Ohio, visit the Ohio Secretary of State site (<http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/voter.aspx>).

Legislative Issues

Current information on Ohio legislation affecting reproduction rights and services is always available from Planned Parenthood Affiliates of Ohio (<http://ppao.org/Legislation-129thGA.html>) or visit Planned Parenthood Southwest Ohio Region (<http://ppsw.org>).



2011
Planned Parenthood Southwest Ohio Region
Diamond Award Gala
honoring



Brewster Rhoads

Saturday November 5, 2011

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Chair Deborah Schoolmaster and the Gala Committee invite you to Planned Parenthood Southwest Ohio Region's 8th Annual Diamond Award Gala, featuring Vice Mayor Roxanne Qualls' presentation of the Diamond Award to Brewster Rhoads honoring his many years of distinctive support for PPSWO.

A cocktail reception with live music will be followed by dinner and the award presentation, while a silent auction and raffle continues throughout the evening.

For more information on the event and to purchase tickets on-line please visit www.ppswo.org or contact Susan Cleverly at (513) 824-7810 or giving@ppsw.org.

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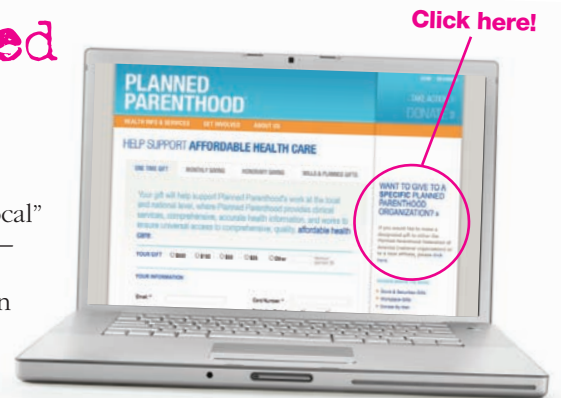
There is a new way to give directly to PPSWO online. Gone are the confusing "local" and "Where the need is Greatest" choices. Now you can select specific affiliates — *hopefully PPSWO* — to receive 100% of your gift. If you do not select an affiliate, your gift automatically will be split 50/50 between Planned Parenthood Federation of America and the locality matching your zip code.

To designate your online donation for local use in our region is easy: Go to <http://www.ppswo.org>. Click on the word "DONATE" in the upper right hand corner. You will be taken to a page with the graphic shown. If you "click here," you will be taken to a donations page to "Select an Organization" from a drop-down menu. **Simply drop down to Ohio and select "Planned Parenthood of Southwest Ohio Region" and your entire gift will benefit our local programs.**

MAKE SURE YOU KNOW US

- **Planned Parenthood Southwest Ohio Region (PPSWO)** is your local affiliate, with nine health centers serving the Greater Miami Valley, Northern Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati area. When you make a gift to PPSWO it helps those in the 23 Southwest Ohio counties with health care services and education.
- **Planned Parenthood Affiliates of Ohio (PPAO)** is the political arm for all Planned Parenthood affiliates in Ohio. PPAO advocates for public policy changes that will enhance and protect reproductive rights, and builds support among our elected officials in Ohio. Donations to PPAO are used for electoral and lobbying efforts.
- **Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA)** is the national organization. Gifts to PPFA are used to support national advocacy efforts, international services, and technical assistance for all 88 Planned Parenthood affiliates.

Your support of PPSWO which supports local programs and services is greatly appreciated.



Other Ways to Give to PPSWO

- PPSWO is a member organization of Community Shares www.cintishares.org. If your employer participates please select us as a beneficiary for your work place giving.
 - United Way Dayton will pass through funds to PPSWO, if you write us in and provide our administrative address.
 - Please check with your employer to see if they match your charitable giving (corporations such as General Electric, Lexis Nexis, Macy's). Alternatively find out if there is a work place giving campaign, IBM, Reynolds & Reynolds, Dell, and provide our information (below) for proper processing.
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Carol and Ken Kabel House Party

PPSWO Board Chair Carol Kabel and her husband, Ken, generously opened their home to neighbors and friends on behalf of Planned Parenthood Southwest Ohio last June.

More than 50 guests enjoyed delicious desserts and fruit and eagerly listened as we explained the variety of services PPSWO offers to more than 25,000 patients annually. Many were unaware of the obstacles we face daily to offer our necessary type of care. The evening ended with generous donations and more importantly, new supporters. Thank you, Ken and Carol.

Interested in hosting a house party of your own to benefit PPSWO? If so, please contact PPSWO's Development Department: for Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky (513) 824-7808, for Greater Miami Valley (937) 526-4678 or email us at giving@ppsw.org.



Ken & Carol Kabel



Susan Knobler, Janet Callif, Lilly Kurtz, Bob Howard and Mara Wolf



Lori Askeland and Pam Nicodemus

YELLOW SPRINGS STREET FAIR

The Springfield Leadership Council staffed a booth for PPSWO at the Yellow Springs Summer Street Fair Festival June 11th

Tens of thousands of people from places near and far visited exhibits, food, music, art and the lovely forested village located between Xenia and Springfield on SR68. Volunteers, organized by PPSWO Board Member and Council Chair Lori Askeland, distributed educational materials, answered questions, promoted our services and offered free condoms and sunscreen!

Yellow Springs Street Fairs are scheduled in June and October each year.



Carol Kabel and Gayle & David Funk



Marie Flickinger, Karen Duncan, Catherine Tuckerman, Sue DeVoe Allen and Carol Kabel

SPRINGFIELD

THE SPRINGFIELD LEADERSHIP COUNCIL HOSTED ITS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER IN JUNE.

About 50 guests enjoyed appetizers provided by the **Young Woman's Mission** while mingling in the inviting garden of David and Gayle Funk. The event raised nearly \$2,200.

The Springfield Leadership Council is a volunteer group dedicated to advocacy, community outreach, and fundraising for PPSWO.

The non-profit Young Woman's Mission in Springfield supports Planned Parenthood program to help young women in need.

PPSWO appreciates the commitment and hard work of volunteer groups like this.



PUSH Group Committee



2011 Bachelors

Who says you can't buy love?

The PUSH Group held its second Men in the City Charity Bachelor Auction August 19th.

The Dayton Racquet Club generously donated the venue and food. Nearly 150 attendees had a great time bidding on 16 eligible bachelors from the region.

All bachelors came complete with date packages donated by Dayton area businesses. At the event guests enjoyed drinks, appetizers, door prizes and music provided by DJ David Michael and an after party in the 29 Stories Lounge.

All of the money raised (\$4,800) will help provide free condoms to patients in PPSWO's 9 Health Centers.

For more information about the PUSH Group (Professionals United for Sexual Health) go to www.pushdayton.org or "like" PUSH Dayton on Facebook.



LIZZ WINSTEAD, OF DAILY SHOW FAME, VISITED CINCINNATI ON HER "STAND UP FOR PLANNED PARENTHOOD" TOUR.

Known for her quick wit, the comedienne delivered her edgy political satire to more than 100 PPSWO supporters eager for an evening of laughs — she did not disappoint and more than \$3,300 was received as a result!

The July 11th event at Below Zero Lounge was as hot as the nearly 100-degree summer day. Lizz said she enjoyed our city and hopes to return. Please visit her internet blog (<http://lizzwinstead.com> or tour4pp.wordpress.com) to view photos from the event and learn more information on the tour.



DCD Company II



Carol Kabel and Richard & Marie Flickinger



Heather Bailey and Karen Meade

PPSWO CELEBRATES A NIGHT IN MOROCCO

MORE THAN 100 GUESTS ATTENDED THE 3RD ANNUAL TOUR THE GLOBE EVENT AT EL MESON RESTAURANT ON APRIL 10TH.

El Meson provided a demonstration of Moroccan cooking and offered an authentic Moroccan buffet. A special performance by Dayton Contemporary Dance Company II, and belly dancing to drumming by Jamilah Rhythms was enjoyed by all. A special South African wine-tasting feature was provided by Glenelly.

Special thanks are extended to event sponsor Battelle & Battelle, LLP, and committee members Heather Bailey, Laurie Siebenthaler Fanning, Gina Gunn, Julie Nedelman, Nancy Nichols, and Kathie Peoples.

The "Night in Morocco" raised \$10,000 for PPSWO.



Jamilah Rhythms



THE FRIENDS OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD'S 41st Annual Book Fair

November 11-13, 2011

Montgomery County Fairgrounds Coliseum
1043 S. Main Street, Dayton, OH 45409

Event hours/ticket price:

- Fri. 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. (\$10 admission at 10 a.m. and \$5 at 5 p.m.)
- Sat. 10 a.m.- 8 p.m. (Free admission)
- Sun. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Free admission)

Don't miss the largest Book Fair in the region, Nov. 11-13th, at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. This is nearly a half-century tradition and draws thousands of literature lovers and Planned Parenthood supporters from surrounding states and southwest Ohio.

More than 250,000 items include gently-used books, collectibles, magazines, CD's, DVD's, LP's, puzzles, and more.

The Friends of Planned Parenthood Group has raised more than \$2 million dollars for Planned Parenthood during the past 41 years.

For more information go to www.ppswo.org or call the Book Loft at (937) 274-5835.

FRIENDS OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD BOOK LOFT VOLUNTEER HOURS

Lynn Adams	11
Hardy Ballantine	147
Larry Banks	44
Wendy Banks	126
Pat Barcelona	35
Tony Bent	115
Deb Bentley	52
Marilyn Bissett	231
Shelley Charles	118
Carla Clasen	11
Sandy Combs	167
Karen Douglas	365
Harry Ebeling	149
Dave Engelsman	414
Lynn Haven	126
Mickey Gogle	9
Linda Gray	60
Ray Hertz	73
Jane Heywood	103
Ruth Holyoke	147
Tom Holyoke	147
Jerry Jenkins	32
Pat Johnson	91
Rich Johnson	36
Betsy Keyes	72
Boyd Keys	3
Katrina Kidder	91
Tom Laird	182
Ollen Landrum	589
Regina Landrum	474
Shirley Marion	276
Betty Marten	17
Jack Matheney	123
Bob Menzel	85
Jana Morse	11
Jan Peiffer	96
Pete Peters	73
Brenda Rupert	90
Ruth Scott	303
Joan Siebenthaler	26
Carol Singleton	43
Susan Tomlin	48
Cindy Vantrease	101
Larkin Vonalt	111

Thank you!

In Loving Memory

SHIRLEY A. MARION, JULY 29, 1937- AUGUST 22, 2011

The Friends of Planned Parenthood say goodbye to member **Shirley Marion**. Shirley was an activist for women's rights and Planned Parenthood as well as an avid reader which made her a perfect match for the Friends of Planned Parenthood.

She brought such a lovely energy to the Book Loft over the past 22 years of her voluntary service.

Shirley leaves behind her two daughters and lots of friends. She was a dedicated supporter of Planned Parenthood and the Friends as well as to The Ohio State University with lifelong ties to her beloved Buckeyes. Her family asked that she be remembered with donations in her name to Planned Parenthood Southwest Ohio or to The Ohio State University Foundation.



PREP

The Education Department has a new program!

A competitive grant from the Ohio Department of Health for the Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) will enable our educators to use a train-the-trainer model to educate professionals working with young people, ages 14 – 19, involved in the juvenile justice and foster care systems.

This program will cover 18 counties in Southwest Ohio as far north as Allen County and as far south and east as Brown County.

PREP is a huge, exhilarating undertaking. The program will use a modified version of *Reducing the Risk*, a tested, approved curriculum proven to address the problems of unintended teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, while promoting healthy relationships. We've added financial literacy and ready-to-work components to better prepare adolescents to leave these systems and enter adulthood.

PPSWO will work with the Community Hospital Health Services Foundation in Springfield and Public Health – Dayton and Montgomery County to deliver the program. We'll begin by building a coalition of professionals from agencies impacted by this program to determine the number of youth and staff who are in the two systems and to develop a needs assessment.

We look forward to this important work. If you have any questions about the program or know of individuals in the foster care and juvenile justice systems, contact Leslie Mitchell, Director of Education and Special Projects, at (513) 824-7812 or l Mitchell@ppsw.org.



Leslie Mitchell is promoted to PPSWO's Director of Education & Special Projects. She begins her sixth year with PPSWO after serving as the Grants Manager. Leslie's staff includes two health educators and two Stop AIDS employees. Due to her successful proposal award of the PREP grant, PPSWO now has the additional funding needed to expand our Education Department's services and outreach efforts.

STAFF NEWS

- **Dr. Sharon Liner**, PPSWO Director of Surgical Services received the Outstanding Achievement Award from the Cincinnati Women's Political Caucus (CWPC) in June. The award was presented to her by Dr. Roslyn Kade, CWPC Member and former PPSWO Medical Director. Among the many issues the CWPC members advocate for is reproductive freedom and safe, effective contraceptive methods for all women and men. CWPC Board Member **Laurie Housemeyer** nominated Dr. Liner for her dedication to delivering reproductive health services and compassionate care for women, men and their families throughout Southwest Ohio. Dr. Liner has been with PPSWO for 6 years.

The Outstanding Achievement Award ceremony was held at the historic Harriet Beecher Stowe House in Cincinnati.

- Becki Brenner, our CEO and President for the past 5 years, has returned to her hometown, Omaha, Nebraska. We thank her for her time and dedication to Planned Parenthood Southwest Ohio Region. The PPSWO Board appointed Chief Financial Officer **Nina Schultz** to act as interim CEO.

Board Chair **Carol Kabel** is leading an experienced executive search committee to seek a replacement, while joining other senior Board members to act in an oversight role for the organization during the transition.

- **Kelli Halter** joined PPSWO as Vice President of Clinical Services to oversee 60 staff members in our 9 health centers. Kelli comes to us with more than 20 years experience in health care management, most recently with the Cleveland Hearing & Speech Center. Kelli already instituted an employee appreciation program and is improving communication between the Health Centers. We are thrilled to have her.
- Thank you to **Dennis Geeban** for his many voluntary hours helping editor, Susan Cleverly assemble this newsletter edition.



Dr. Sharon Liner and Dr. Roslyn Kade



Nina Schultz



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