

SUMMER
2011

GET connected

UPCOMING events

July 30
Millbrook Benefit
6-8pm
Millbrook, NY

August 2
National Night Out
Various Locations

For more information about upcoming events, please visit www.ppmhv.org/events

Planned Parenthood Mid-Hudson Valley Welcomes New Development & Marketing Leadership



Planned Parenthood Mid-Hudson Valley is pleased to announce the appointment of Tricia O'Malley to the position of Director of Development and Marketing. Tricia comes to Planned Parenthood with 20 years of expertise in fundraising and non-profit management and a great passion for the Hudson Valley. "Planned Parenthood Mid-Hudson Valley is so pleased to have someone with Tricia's knowledge and experience join our efforts. We are very much looking forward to all that she brings to the agency and the people we serve," stated Ruth-Ellen Blodgett, President and CEO.

Tricia was most recently the Associate Director of the Foundation for Vassar Brothers Medical Center where she was a pivotal partner in their fundraising and capital campaigns. Prior to her work at Vassar Brothers, Tricia honed her skills in health care, academic and cultural non-profit environments. Tricia is well-versed in the areas of major gift solicitation, special events, annual campaigns, social media and external affairs. In this new capacity, she will be the chief development officer overseeing the areas of fundraising and marketing. Her office is located at 395 Main Street in Beacon and she can be reached at (845) 838-1200 x 116 or via email at Tricia.Omalley@ppmhv.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Planned Parenthood has expanded its services for males? Services include testing for sexually transmitted infections (STIs), testicular cancer screenings and routine physical exams. We even have a separate room just for men at our Newburgh Health Center. Call **1-800-230-PLAN** for more information or to make an appointment.

Did you know that Planned Parenthood is GREEN? We have recently initiated Green Choices, an informational campaign that helps patients reduce their exposure to toxic chemicals in home and work environments. Exposure to toxic chemicals can negatively affect reproductive health. Planned Parenthood is committed to helping our communities and legislators understand and eliminate these toxic threats. For more information, go to www.plannedparenthood.org/greenchoices.

Did you know that Planned Parenthood offers a variety of group activities for youth? We have peer leadership groups and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) Circles of Support groups for high school age youth. In collaboration with community partners, we conduct Girls Circles and Boys Councils for youth ages 12-18. For more information visit www.ppmhv.org, contact our Education Office at (845) 838-1200, ext. 103 or e-mail us at education@ppmhv.org.



Bulletin boards, in this case one devoted to Green Choices, designed by our peers now adorn our health center waiting rooms.

Peers, Prevention and **PRIDE**



Peer Educators spread the word by creating informational bulletin boards for all of our health centers.

Our Peers Don't Stop During Summer!

On July 13-15 nineteen of our Peer Educators will be in Washington, DC for the Planned Parenthood Youth Organizing and Policy Conference where they will learn about the public policy arm of Planned Parenthood and how young people can get involved. They will also attend a HUGE National Lobby Day on July 14th.

On August 3-4 Planned Parenthood will host an overnight retreat at Greenkill for Peer Educators. They will participate in team building activities and enhanced leadership skills training and also get to do fun "camp out" activities!

National Night Out (NNO)

Planned Parenthood Education staff and volunteers will be spreading out to participate in National Night Out Against Crime on August 2. This annual community event aims to strengthen neighborhoods and community spirit in partnership with local law enforcement. According to the NNO website, in 2010 more than 37 million people from 15,000 communities came out to support this important night. Come join the fun in Fallsburg, Middletown, Monticello, Newburgh and Port Jervis. Make sure to stop by the Planned Parenthood table!

New York PRIDE

On June 5, more than 2,500 people showed their support at the annual LGBTQ Community Center's Hudson Valley Pride March and Festival in New Paltz. This year's theme was "Proud to Be" and Planned Parenthood Mid-Hudson Valley Educators and our Ulster Circles youth were proud to be there! They staffed an information table, made t-shirts and marched with the crowd down Main Street.

Planned Parenthood joined hundreds of supporters at the Marriage Equality Rally in Albany on June 21. After much deliberation, the New York State Legislature approved the bill in the last hours of its session and Governor Cuomo signed it into law on June 24. Way to go New York!



Hundreds gather at the Marriage Equality Rally in Albany. The Marriage Equality Act was signed into law on June 25, making New York the sixth state to pass such legislation.

Connect With Us in the Community!

July 19	LGBTQ Circles Support Group, Poughkeepsie*	August 13	Health Fair, Thrall Park, Middletown
July 30	Summer Benefit in Millbrook	August 16	LGBTQ Circles Support Group, Poughkeepsie*
July 30	Health Fair, Saugerties Softball Tournament	August 27	Community Day, New Windsor
August 2	National Night Out	September 12	LGBTQ Circles Support Group, Kingston*
August 9	Insights Infertility Support Group, Poughkeepsie	September 14	HIV Testing, Sullivan County Community College
August 11	LGBTQ Circles Support Group, Kingston*	September 20	LGBTQ Circles Support Group, Poughkeepsie*

*LGBTQ Circles youth support groups are ongoing. Call (845) 838-1200 ext. 102 or e-mail bethany.hamilton@ppmhv.org for more information.

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