As we celebrate 80 years of providing high quality healthcare and health education services to Texas women, men, and teens, Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas is facing new challenges created by the Texas Legislature. Legislators may not realize that politicizing women’s healthcare only strengthens our commitment to being here for the Texans who count on us, no matter what.

The Legislature’s new budget excludes Planned Parenthood from the federal Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening (BCCS) program. For more than 20 years, our health centers have served thousands of patients with funding through BCCS. These funds helped uninsured Texas women access breast and cervical cancer screenings, diagnostics, staff support, and treatment.

We know that cancer treatment should not be political, and that cancer screenings save lives. Despite the Legislature’s actions, our health center doors are open and patients can continue to come to Planned Parenthood for breast and cervical cancer screenings. As one of our BCCS patients recently shared, “Planned Parenthood literally saved my life...” Please consider making a donation today on behalf of the Texans who count on us. Thank you.

Ken Lambrecht
President & CEO

Planned Parenthood hosted its 15th annual Margarita Madness in Waco on May 5. More than 130 guests—including longtime and first-time supporters—helped raise $25,000 to benefit essential healthcare and education services throughout Central and North Texas. Thank you to all of the event hosts!

Left to right: Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas Board Members Penny Chase and Kris Kaiser Olson with Ken Lambrecht and Board President Jolie Newman

In July, Planned Parenthood opened its newest location in Plano. To meet healthcare needs in Collin County, we combined the expert care and dedicated staff from the existing McKinney and Plano locations and moved our services to a larger, updated facility.

This latest improvement is part of Planned Parenthood’s ongoing commitment to our patients. The Addison, South Austin, and Arlington health centers were recently updated, and our Bedford location will complete renovations in late summer.

Schedule your next appointment at ppgreatertx.org or call 1-800-230-PLAN.
CONGRATS, AUSTIN!

Planned Parenthood’s 6th annual Cocktails for a Cause in Austin raised a record total of $70,000 on May 19 at the Belmont. More than 300 of our next generation of supporters enjoyed signature cocktails including the Plan B’s Knees and the Condom Sense.

In addition to engaging younger supporters, this event raises funds to support high quality healthcare and education services for low-income and uninsured Texans.

Left to right: Cocktails for a Cause chairs Julie Glasser, Katie Naranjo, and Laura Hernandez raised more than $6,000 at the event by asking guests to make additional donations.

Thank you to everyone who made Cocktails for a Cause a success!

“These kind of programs are the only ones that really make a difference. As parents, we are our children’s first teachers. But some of us in here, if not all, didn’t have such great teachers ourselves. Now I feel like I will be ready for my kids’ questions, and if not, we know Planned Parenthood is just a call away.”

Talk First! parent participant

SAVE THESE DATES

October 8
Dallas Cocktails for a Cause

October 18
Austin Annual Dinner
Keynote Speaker Olympia Snowe

November 12
Fort Worth Cocktails for a Cause

Fall 2015
Waco Cocktails for a Cause

Advance reservations required and sponsorships available. Please call 855.314.0799 ext 10183 or email events@ppgt.org for more info.

BACK TO SCHOOL FOR PARENTS

The new school year is the perfect time for parents to connect with teens about their health. Tackling “the talk” can be intimidating, which is why Planned Parenthood offers its award-winning Talk First! program to parents—available in Spanish as ¡Hable Primero! 

Young people who talk with their parents about sex are more likely to postpone having sex, and more likely to make healthier choices about sexual behavior.

Talk First! workshops, facilitated by our professional health educators, provide parents with age-appropriate, medically accurate information, helping them turn “the talk” into a lifelong conversation to keep their kids safe and healthy.

Thanks to generous community donations, all of Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas’ health education programs are provided at no cost as a resource to teens and adults.

Contact Planned Parenthood to schedule a Talk First! workshop:

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