We have a lot of exciting updates to share from Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas. Whether it was being honored by the Planned Parenthood Federation of America in Washington, DC, going door-to-door in our communities to help connect uninsured Texans to the Affordable Care Act, or record-breaking fundraising at recent benefits, we couldn’t have accomplished so much without your continued support.

We hope that you will take a few moments to read these updates, and as always, we promise to keep providing essential healthcare and education services that Texans can count on, no matter what. Thank you for all you do to help our efforts.

Ken Lambrecht
President & CEO

HONORED IN DC

Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas was proud to be recognized at Planned Parenthood Federation of America’s “Stronger Together” national conference in Washington, DC, in March. Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas was the only affiliate to win three awards: Excellence in Fundraising; Outstanding Advocacy (along with our partner Planned Parenthood affiliates in Texas for the Stand with Texas Women campaign during the 2013 filibuster); and a grant for our Talk First! bilingual parent education program.

Special thanks to Board members Kris Kaiser Olson, Mandy Dealey, Frances Lyle, Reverend Daniel Kanter, Bonnie Mills, and Jolie Newman for accepting the awards, with Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas friend Naomi Aberly, also a Planned Parenthood Federation of America and Planned Parenthood Action Fund Board member.

Read more about the award-winning Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas Talk First! program on the next page of this newsletter.

THANK YOU, FORT WORTH!

Our Annual Fort Worth Luncheon was held on February 7, and resulted in more than $230,000 raised in support of Planned Parenthood. Thanks to luncheon Chair Betty Murrell Hove and the Luncheon Host Committee, more than 600 guests attended the event.

US Congressman Marc Veasey, State Representatives Chris Turner and Nicole Collier, and Senator Wendy Davis at the Fort Worth Luncheon.

Keynote speaker Jennifer Siebel Newsom, director of the documentary film Miss Representation, was inspirational, and we were honored to have many special guests.

CONGRATS, DALLAS!

More than 1,300 guests attended our Annual Dallas Awards Luncheon on April 7. Thanks to luncheon Co-chairs Carmen Gross and Debra Hunter Johnson, as well as our sponsors and supporters, $710,000 was raised for Planned Parenthood’s important work. Former US Senator Olympia Snowe and President of Planned Parenthood Federation of America Cecile Richards, were featured speakers.

Luncheon award recipients included Sandra and Henry Estess, Jr., for the Gertrude Shelburne Humanitarian Award; Lizzie Routman, for the Gertrude Shelburne Volunteer of the Year Award; and Gloria Campos, for the Katherine Ripley Award for Electronic Media: Lifetime Achievement, upon her retirement from WFAA-Channel 8.

Planned Parenthood Federation of America President Cecile Richards, with former US Senator Olympia Snowe and Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas President & CEO Ken Lambrecht at the Dallas Awards Luncheon.

The proceeds from every Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas event directly support our mission of providing high quality healthcare and education services for low-income and uninsured clients in Central and North Texas.
HEALTH CENTER RENOVATIONS AHEAD

Planned Parenthood is pleased to announce the opening of a newly renovated Arlington health center, equipped with an upgraded computer system to support electronic health records, as well as an expanded waiting room for our patients.

The renovation of the Arlington health center is part of Planned Parenthood’s ongoing, 5-year facility renovation plan. Planned Parenthood Cedar Hill (South Dallas), Addison, and new flagship Southwest Fort Worth health centers have been built or renovated through this continued, strategic investment in the communities that Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas serves. This renovation, as well as many others, would not have been possible without the generosity of our donors and supporters. Thank you!

IT’S NOT JUST “THE TALK” ANYMORE

“The educator and the presentation were terrific. I walked away with practical advice and strategies to help me share my values with my children, including approaching sex and sexuality as an ongoing conversation and finding teachable moments in everyday life. I would strongly recommend Talk First!”

Flauren Bender, mom and Talk First! participant

Studies show that young people who talk to their parents are more likely to delay sexual activity and make more responsible decisions. That is why Planned Parenthood launched the Talk First! parent education program in 2009. Recognizing that it is not “the talk” anymore but an ongoing conversation, this program improves parents’ knowledge about sexual health issues and increases their likelihood to have discussions related to sexual health with their children.

Thanks to generous donor support, Talk First! workshops are available in English or Spanish by request in Austin, North Texas, and Waco. Planned Parenthood offers Talk First! at schools, PTA meetings, brown bag lunches, mom’s nights out, and anywhere eight or more parents are gathered.

Contact Raul Rojas at 817-882-1155 x23236 or raul.rojas@ppgt.org to schedule.

Elisabeth Winkelman, as well as the next generation of Planned Parenthood supporters who attended, were outstanding in their support. More than $60,000 was raised to bolster essential healthcare and education services for women, men, and teens.

SAVE THE DATE, WACO!

Mark your calendar for Thursday, May 15. Margarita Madness is coming to Waco! Sponsorship details and individual tickets are available online at www.ppgreatertx.org. Advance reservations are required.

Email natalie.kelinske@ppgt.org to save your spot today.

THANKS, AUSTIN!

Thank you to more than 300 guests who attended Cocktails for a Cause in Austin on April 29. Cocktails Co-chairs Brett Merfish, Lily Smullen, and Elisabeth Winkelman, as well as the next generation of Planned Parenthood supporters who attended, were outstanding in their support. More than $60,000 was raised to bolster essential healthcare and education services for women, men, and teens.

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