



Planned Parenthood Community Outreach Manager Denise Rodriguez (left) with a Texas Organizing Project volunteer at an ACA enrollment event in South Dallas

## AFFORDABLE CARE ACT ENROLLMENT

February 15 marked the end of the second enrollment period for the Affordable Care Act (ACA) or Obamacare—and Planned Parenthood’s ongoing commitment to getting Texans covered showed in our numbers!

**3,456** Texans contacted by phone or in person about enrollment

**59** events in Central and North Texas to raise awareness about the Affordable Care Act

**“Today, because of Obamacare, I have health insurance for myself and my family for the first time in 12 years. Because of the Affordable Care Act, I finally have hope and a bit of peace where once I only felt fear and anxiety for my future and my children. The feeling I had that healthcare and long healthy lives were only for others is gone with the click of a button... enroll!”**

**Brenda, new ACA enrollee**

I am pleased to share that Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas was selected to receive an Affiliate Excellence Award from Planned Parenthood Federation of America for our Community Health Education programs. This award, presented in Washington, DC, in March, recognizes the successful three-part approach that our programs employ to reduce unintended teen pregnancy rates and STD rates by engaging **parents, educators, and peers**. Texas has the third highest rate of teen pregnancies in the United States—and the highest repeat teen birth rate—which makes these programs so important. **Thank you** for supporting Planned Parenthood and making award-winning programs like this possible.

We are also proud to report that Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas health centers are now

offering online appointment scheduling. Whether it is for emergency contraception, long-term birth control, or testing and treatment for a sexually transmitted disease, Texans **can book their appointments 24/7**, expanding access to our essential healthcare services.

Since our first health center opened in Dallas 80 years ago, our commitment has been to be a trusted partner in our communities. Thanks to the continued support from our donors, we’re proud to serve our mission today as we did when our first health centers opened in 1935. With your continued support, our doors will be open for 80 more years!



Ken Lambrecht  
President & CEO

## SAVE OUR SCREENINGS

On March 11, hundreds of Texans gathered at the State Capitol in Austin for Planned Parenthood Lobby Day and to raise awareness of the Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening (BCCS) program, which provides low-income, uninsured Texas women with lifesaving breast and cervical cancer screenings, diagnostic services, and cancer treatment.

For many women, this program is their only option for cancer treatment and is a lifeline. In some Texas communities, Planned Parenthood is the only provider of these services.



Gay Norman speaking at the Save Our Screenings rally during Planned Parenthood Lobby Day at the State Capitol

“Planned Parenthood and cancer screening through BCCS saved my life,” shared Lobby Day guest speaker Gay Norman, a cervical cancer survivor who was diagnosed in our Waco health center.

## THANKS, FORT WORTH!

On February 6, more than 500 guests attended Planned Parenthood's Annual Luncheon in Fort Worth, featuring keynote speaker Jessica Valenti, founder of *feministing.com* and author of four books on women and politics.

This year's luncheon held a special significance as Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas celebrates 80 years of service. Thanks to 2015 Luncheon Chair Linda Heckathorn Clyma and the Luncheon Committee, more than \$200,000 was raised to support Planned Parenthood's essential healthcare and health education services.



Left to right: Ken Lambrecht with North Texas Community Board member Tori Adams, 2015 Luncheon Chair Linda Heckathorn Clyma, and Stan Thomas, whose late wife Paula was recognized for her leadership as a former Board member and advocate for Planned Parenthood

## DALLAS AWARDS LUNCHEON A SUCCESS!

On March 26, more than 1,000 supporters attended Planned Parenthood's sold-out Annual Awards Luncheon in Dallas, featuring keynote speaker Dahlia Lithwick, Senior Editor at *Slate*, who spoke about the influence of the female justices on their male colleagues on the United States Supreme Court.

This year, former Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas Board member Lisa Kraus was recognized with the Gertrude Shelburne Humanitarian Award. The First Unitarian Church of Dallas was awarded the Katherine Ripley Award for Education for its Our Whole Lives (OWL) Sexuality Education Program. And our own TeenAge Communication Theater



Members of the 2015 TACT performance troupe at the Annual Awards Luncheon with TACT Director Linda Fyffe (right)

(TACT) program received the Gertrude Shelburne Volunteer of the Year Award.

Thanks to 2015 Luncheon Co-Chairs Sherri Cook and Shanon Schwimmer and the Luncheon Committee, the event raised nearly \$700,000 for Planned Parenthood's essential services.



Former US Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME) will be the keynote speaker at the Austin Annual Dinner on October 18, 2015

## SAVE THESE DATES

**May 5**

Margarita Madness in Waco

**May 19**

Austin Cocktails for a Cause

**October 18**

Austin Annual Dinner

With Keynote Speaker Olympia Snowe

*Advance reservations required and sponsorships available. Please call 855.314.0799 ext 10183 or email [events@ppgt.org](mailto:events@ppgt.org) for more info.*

## MAMMOGRAM VAN

Thanks to Dallas Methodist, mammograms are available at Planned Parenthood health centers on the following dates:

**April 24**

Addison Health Center

**May 28**

Mesquite Health Center

**June 26**

Plano Health Center

Call **1-800-230-PLAN** for more info and to schedule your appointment.

## HAPPY 80TH, PLANNED PARENTHOOD!

Learn how it all began at [www.ppgreatertx.org](http://www.ppgreatertx.org)



Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas provides healthcare and education services to nearly 85,000 Central and North Texans each year in Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Paris, Tyler, Waco, and surrounding communities.