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26TH ANNUAL CHOCOLATE & CHAMPAGNE AFFAIRE TO BENEFIT PLANNED PARENTHOOD ATHENS HEALTH CENTER

Columbus, Ohio—Community leaders in Athens are hosting the 26th annual Chocolate & Champagne Affaire event to benefit the Planned Parenthood Athens Health Center. This event includes fabulous food, desserts, a raffle, and silent and live auctions and will be held Saturday, March 14 at the newly remodeled Nelson Commons on Ohio University's South Green. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

"We're delighted that the Athens community is so supportive of our work for women, men, and families who rely on us for preventive care," said Stephanie Kight, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio. "The funds raised will be invested in our Athens Health Center so that we can continue to provide life-saving cancer screenings, birth control, prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted infections, breast health services, Pap tests, and sex health education."

Last year the Chocolate & Champagne Affaire raised more than \$46,000 for Planned Parenthood services. Chaired by Katherine Furler, a member of the Athens Community Leadership Council, the event is expected to exceed that amount this year.

"Across Ohio this past year, numerous petitions have been signed in support of non-restricted health care for women, tens of thousands of people have been affected by Planned Parenthood health education and outreach programs, and hundreds of thousands of phone calls have been placed to elected officials. All of this work has been done in support of the idea that we all believe in: every person who needs the services of Planned Parenthood should be able to access this affordable health care resource," said Furler.

"Chocolate & Champagne is not only a beloved tradition for many Athens residents, but it is also a crucial part of the fundraising efforts for Planned Parenthood. All of the proceeds from this annual event will continue to support the many services offered by the Athens Health Center and continue our area's longstanding tradition of working together to keep our community healthy."

In addition to food and desserts provided by Nelson Commons, Chocolate & Champagne Affaire guests can enjoy champagne, coffee, and tea or make selections from a fully stocked cash bar. Raffle and auction items have been donated by local businesses and individual supporters. Tickets can be purchased online at ppgoh.org and are \$60.00 per person. Call 440-453-3001 for more information.

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About

[Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio](#) has 20 health center locations and has served Ohioans with quality health services for more than 85 years. The affiliate offers a full range of reproductive health care services including life-saving cancer screenings, well woman exams, birth control, STI testing and treatment, comprehensive sexuality education, and more. More than 60 percent of the patients who rely on Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio are uninsured or underinsured. Learn more at [ppgoh.org](#).