2015 was a challenging year at Planned Parenthood, as the politics of women’s healthcare reached a new low: deceptively edited and discredited videos; Texas Governor Abbott’s tweets about excluding our health centers from the federal Medicaid program; ongoing audits; data requests by state employees; the Texas Legislature’s elimination of a 20+ year partnership with our health centers to provide cancer screenings for uninsured Texans; obstacles women faced under Texas’ restrictive new abortion laws; and the heartbreaking tragedy at Planned Parenthood in Colorado.

Yet today we stand strong because of you. You stood with us through every challenge, and your donations enabled Planned Parenthood to stay focused on what is most important—the Texans who count on us. This past year, Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas celebrated 80 years of providing trusted healthcare and education to Texans and served nearly 85,000 women, men, and young people in Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Paris, Tyler, Waco, and surrounding communities.

Thank you for your continued support in 2016.

Ken Lambrecht
President & CEO

FOCUS ON: CERVICAL HEALTH SERVICES

Planned Parenthood is focused on helping Texas women make their cervical health a priority in the new year. Texas has the sixth highest incidence rate in the U.S. Our health centers provided 9,670 Pap tests in 2014 to detect cervical cancer and precancerous/abnormal cells, as well as advanced testing and treatment including LEEP, colposcopy, and cryotherapy to prevent cervical cancer for follow-up patients. Patients also received the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine. HPV is a common sexually transmitted infection that can cause cervical cancer in rare cases.

Despite the Texas Legislature’s ban on breast and cervical cancer screening funding at our health centers, Planned Parenthood continues to provide much-needed cervical cancer screenings and treatments to insured and uninsured Texans, thanks to generous private donations.
AN EVENING WITH SARAH WEDDINGTON

The final broadcast of C-SPAN’s popular Landmark Cases series covered the historic Roe v. Wade decision. Planned Parenthood friends, volunteers, and Board members gathered on December 21 to watch the live broadcast with special guest, Sarah Weddington, who provided fascinating insight about her experience as the winning attorney who argued this case before the U.S. Supreme Court as a 26 year old.

Sarah Weddington with Planned Parenthood supporter Courtenay Paris

TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION

Last fall, Planned Parenthood asked Tarrant County parents about the need for teen pregnancy prevention programs. 84% of attendees polled at the Back to School Round Up shared that they were concerned about unintended teen pregnancies in their community, and 99% indicated education was an important way to keep young people safe and healthy. Planned Parenthood’s Talk First! program provides parents with strategies and tools for helping identify “teachable” moments to help their teens make decisions about their health. Thanks to generous donor support, these programs are available at no cost.

To request a Talk First! workshop, email community@ppgt.org.

BUILDING OUR HEALTHCARE FUTURE

Planned Parenthood has been a trusted source of reproductive healthcare for Texans for more than 80 years. Meeting the needs of our patients is our first priority, so updating our health centers for that care is essential. We launched the Building Our Future Fund to help patients gain access to the healthcare they need, no matter what.

This multi-year initiative enhanced our health centers in Arlington, Bedford, and Cedar Hill, and funded the opening of health centers in Dallas and Plano. To support the Building Our Future Fund, visit ppgreatertx.org.

SAVE THESE DATES

March 31
Fort Worth Annual Luncheon
Keynote Speaker Erin Brockovich

April 4
Dallas Annual Awards Luncheon
Keynote Speaker Cecile Richards

May 19
Austin Cocktails for a Cause

September 18
Austin Annual Dinner
Keynote Speaker Dahlia Lithwick

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

GET COVERED TODAY

The Affordable Care Act gives you choices. Through January 31, 2016, you can sign up for health insurance—and we can assist.

Planned Parenthood’s certified application counselors can help you connect to the Health Insurance Marketplace, compare plans, apply for coverage, and answer your questions—over the phone or in person. Email community@ppgt.org for more information.

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