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## **25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHOCOLATE & CHAMPAGNE AFFAIRE TO BENEFIT PLANNED PARENTHOOD ATHENS HEALTH CENTER**

*Columbus, Ohio*—Community leaders in Athens are hosting the 25th annual Chocolate & Champagne Affaire event to benefit the Planned Parenthood Athens Health Center. This event includes a fabulous food, desserts, raffle, and silent and live auctions and will be held Saturday, March 16 at Vera Cucina, 859 East State Street, Athens, Ohio 45701. Doors open at 6 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 sexual health education.”

Last year the Chocolate & Champagne Affaire raised more than \$35,000 for Planned Parenthood services. Chaired by Mary Beth Gillam, the event is expected to exceed that amount this year. “Chocolate & Champagne is a wonderful event to support a worthy cause,” said Chair Mary Beth Gillam. “Planned Parenthood provides professional, confidential, non-judgmental care, and health center doors are open to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. Proceeds from tonight’s event will support the wide range of preventive services Planned Parenthood provides to more than 1,250 Athens women, men and teens.”

The Chocolate & Champagne Affaire fundraiser will feature heavy hors d’oeuvres provided by Vera Cucina and sumptuous desserts donated by area restaurants, bakeries, and individuals. 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. Ticket prices are \$55.00 per person. Call 614-358-8730 for details.

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### **About**

[Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio](http://www.ppgoh.org) has 21 health center locations and has served Ohioans with quality health services for 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](http://ppgoh.org).