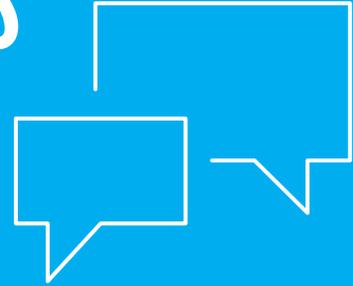


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Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains empowers people to make informed decisions about their sexual and reproductive health by providing high quality care, comprehensive sex education, and strategic advocacy.



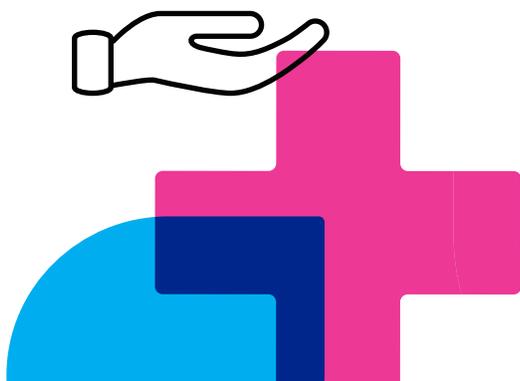
A Legacy of Giving

When we moved back to Albuquerque in 1986, we began donating to PPNM and attending its functions. As a result, we learned about all their educational programs, such as the Peer Education program which trains teens to teach sex education to their peers, and the broad array of health services they provide to women, men and young people.

As we learned about these services and saw PPNM's strong efforts to safeguard our fundamental reproductive rights, our commitment to it also deepened. Over the years, many organizations have solicited us for donations. We decided that, rather than give a little to multiple organizations serving families and communities, we would concentrate our giving on Planned Parenthood.

We feel it's "best in class" for solving broad social problems by supporting the sexual and reproductive health and rights of individuals, thus helping to make every child a planned and wanted child. So, we added it to our trust as part of our planned giving to ensure Planned Parenthood is here for the next generation.

Janet and Bob Ford





We Did It – We Met Our Match!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Fort Collins Health Center renovation project! Your support helped us exceed our challenge grant goal - you gave \$258,000, allowing us to receive the entire challenge amount and to date we have raised over \$558,000. In order to complete the renovation and remodel we need a total of \$1 million to bring the health center up to our high standards. We are currently seeking grants to help us close the gap and raise the remaining funds, as we are committed to this project.

Know Your Status?



In April 2015, PBS aired "Status of the State: Efforts in New Mexico to Address the Spread of HIV," featuring Martin Walker, PPRM's Director of HIV Prevention. Alarming, as of 2013 there has been a 60 percent increase in the numbers of new HIV cases among young adults aged 13-24 years old. 1 in 5 HIV-positive people do not know they have HIV. Advancements in HIV medications allow individuals living with HIV to lead active, productive lives; however, it has also led to a common belief that living with HIV is not a major health concern and practicing safe sex is unnecessary.

PPRM is proud to announce we will be piloting an HIV PRe-Exposure Prophylactic (PREP) regimen at our Nob Hill Albuquerque and Denver Central Health Centers in the fall of 2015. Both health centers work with significant populations of men who have sex with men, a demographic particularly vulnerable to HIV infection. In addition to continuing to educate patients about safer sex behaviors, including consistent condom usage and talking to partners about sexual health status, the PREP service will be offered to patients who partner with HIV-positive individuals or who are otherwise considered at high-risk for infection.

Take this opportunity to get tested and know YOUR status! All PPRM health centers offer HIV testing with results available in 10 minutes.

For more information about HIV in New Mexico, watch the full PBS episode here: http://bit.ly/PPNM_PBS



Holding Strong: Protecting Our Reproductive Rights

Colorado and New Mexico were once again testing grounds for anti-choice legislation. A total of six anti-choice bills were introduced in Colorado and four in New Mexico in 2015, keeping our public affairs teams busy educating legislators. Both Colorado and New Mexico defeated bills that would require abortion providers to deliver biased counseling before a procedure, as well as bills that would institute a 24-hour waiting period.

New Mexico also saw unnecessary bills to require all abortion providers to have admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles of their office or health center and a 20-week abortion ban. And Colorado legislators discussed a bill requiring providers obtain additional special licensures to provide abortions, one of the safest medical procedures in the country. And, once again, a fetal 'personhood' bill was introduced in Colorado under the guise of fetal homicide bill.

Unfortunately, Colorado's bill to fund long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARC) was also defeated, despite the fact that this program contributed to a drastic reduction in teen pregnancies as well as a drop in teen abortions over the last five years.

In Nevada, our Public Affairs team worked with our partner advocates and defeated two anti-choice bills that limited outside provision of comprehensive sex education. One of these bills included a discriminatory addendum that would have limited access to locker rooms for transgender students.

PPRM also worked closely with NARAL Pro-Choice Wyoming to defeat a bill similar to Colorado and New Mexico, which would have required biased counseling services and a waiting period for abortion services.

Thank you for adding your voice to the conversation during the legislative session and encouraging your representatives to defeat these dangerous bills.





Our Own Public Health Hero

We are proud to announce that Rosita Castillo, our Las Vegas Promotores de Salud Program Manager, received the 2015 Southern Nevada Health District Public Health Hero award. This honor recognizes those who inform and educate Las Vegas residents about health issues, mobilize partnerships in the community, and link people to needed health services. Thank you, Rosita, for being a determined health advocate and educator for the Las Vegas Latino community!

Sex Education Saves Lives

During a two day Peer Education workshop in Santa Fe, 14 youth expertly delivered sex-education topics to their peers, from reproductive and sexual anatomy to New Mexico's laws of consent. A trusted adult of one of our participants informed PPNM staff that the peer education training combined with the Girls' Group programming in which she is also participating have "changed [the student's] life" and helped her cope with depression.

The training encouraged the student to show her friends how to make a dental dam out of a male condom and also give her mom a condom demonstration. She has also expressed interest in becoming a sex-educator herself with a goal of working with Planned Parenthood in the future. By actively engaging youth as partners rather than problems to be solved, our programs are building future leaders while providing comprehensive, developmentally-appropriate information relating to healthy relationships and sexual health.



Meeting the Need, Sex Education for All

The Institute now also offers Sexuality Education for Adults with Developmental Disabilities, using the F.L.A.S.H. curriculum with youth. This vulnerable population is often deprived of sexual health education that would help them to advocate for themselves and recognize abusive situations, as people with disabilities frequently do not know this abuse can be harmful. In fact, the US Bureau of Justice reported in 2009 that people with disabilities are more than twice as likely as their non-disabled peers to be victims of sexual assault.

PPRM has stepped forward as an educational advocate for these at-risk youth. We currently offer this programming in Metro Denver and Durango and will provide training to all Institute staff this summer in order to offer this important curriculum across our entire region.



Thank You for Celebrating With Us

Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains thanks you for your continued support of our patients and programs.

PPNM Beer and Bands Benefit

PPNM staff and VIP guests were treated to an exclusive tour of the Tractor Brewing Co. during PPNM's 2nd annual Beer & Bands Benefit. Proceeds support New Mexico's Responsible Sex Education Institute.



CORKS & FORKS

Dr. Ruth Westheimer charmed guests and staff alike at our 2015 Corks & Forks event. We were pleased to honor Chris Guinchigliani, Clark County Commissioner, for her continued commitment to women's health.





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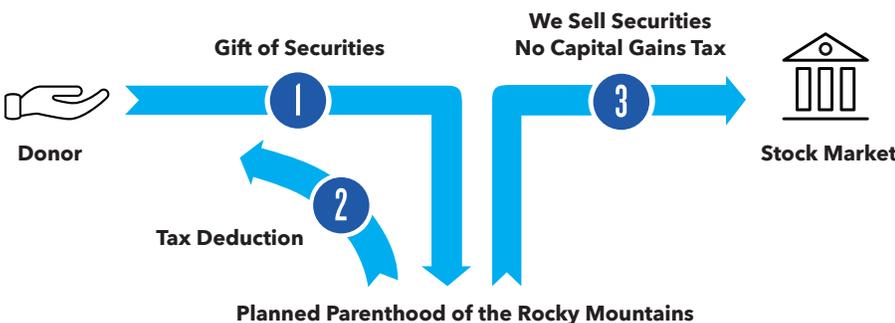
Join us for our 28th annual Choice Affairs. The event series begins in June and continues through September. Full schedule and tickets available online at www.pprmchoiceaffairs.org. Contact Lia Sperandeo at 303.813.7640 or Lia.Sperandeo@pprm.org for additional information.

Do you live in or near Jackson, WY? Do you want to get more involved with Planned Parenthood? Email Marisa Schweber-Koren at womenshealthinthetetons@gmail.com to sign up for our mailing list and receive information about local events. You can also join our private Facebook group Women’s Health in the Tetons for updates and news about women’s health issues.

Join your fellow Guardians of Choice for an inspirational and informational lunch on September 24 in Albuquerque. To RSVP, contact Ann Beyke at (505) 944-2027 or via email at ann.beyke@pprm.org.

Have you considered putting PPRM in your will, trust or estate plan?

We’re happy to answer your questions. Contact Brenda Logan at (303) 813-7723 or via email at brenda.logan@pprm.org about planned giving options.



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