

# One in Five

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Youth at the Peer Education Summit create a song and video to share their story.

## You Are Empowering the Next Generation

### You and The Future

You know something about today's young people that the world needs to know. Teens are: Courageous. Leaders. World changers.

Wearing T-shirts that said, "Find Your Voice. Speak Your Truth. Share Your Story," 40 teens from 11 cities across Michigan participated in Planned Parenthood Mid and South Michigan's peer education summit on April 26 in Flint, Michigan. The goal was to help them voice their truths through storytelling, music, animation, and creative writing. For many, it was a life-changing experience.

"I feel like society thinks teens are bad and rebellious," said 17-year-old Shaniah of Flint. "Today we learned that by telling our own stories we can help them understand what a teenager really is."

Thanks to you for supporting our peer education programs—you are helping teens embrace responsibility for their sexual health while providing their peers with medically accurate information about abstinence, birth control, and sexually transmitted infections.

Outreach Manager Tunde Olaniran says, "The workshops showed how youth can use various media to

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## One in Five

women has turned to Planned Parenthood at some time in her life for professional, non-judgmental, confidential care. Through your support, you help Planned Parenthood be here for someone you may know and also many you may never meet. Who are the people of Planned Parenthood? Men, women, teens, and parents; patients, health care providers, donors, and leaders. Let's meet a few of them and learn their stories.

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more effectively tell their stories and connect their work to the issues they face in their communities.”

“It was surprising that they are exposed to so much, so young,” said Satori Shakoor, a nationally-known



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storyteller on public radio and founder of The Secret Society of Twisted Storytellers. “They were telling stories about rape, coming into their sexuality earlier, and inclusivity.”

Planned Parenthood Mid and South Michigan CEO Lori Lamerand Carpentier—who began her career at Planned Parenthood 29 years ago aspiring to be a sex educator—was moved by the day’s outcomes. “This is where the real work happens,” she said to the peer educators at the end of the day. “Young people start at one place in their lives and end up in another

Thanks to you,  
we held **668**  
education trainings  
and workshops reaching  
**13,000** people  
last year.

positive place because of the effect you all have had on them. It matters.”

You can watch the amazing video the Peer Educators made in conjunction with Bangtown Productions and Recordings “Studio On The GO” program at <http://youtu.be/ybTynebrVro> ■



Teens show their choice words.



## Katharine Dexter McCormick: Philanthropy that changed the course of history

The birth control pill is often heralded as the most important medical advancement in human history. But without the support of a Michigan benefactor, the pill might never have been invented!

In the 1950s, when mainstream research would not embrace contraceptive research, Katharine Dexter McCormick provided nearly all the funds needed to make the pill a reality. Born in 1875 in Dexter, Michigan and raised in Chicago, McCormick was a biologist educated at MIT and an early suffragist. After meeting Planned Parenthood founder Marga-

ret Sanger in 1917, she committed to developing an oral contraceptive in her lifetime.

When her husband, International Harvester heir Stanley McCormick, died in 1947, McCormick gained full control of his \$15 million estate. At age 75, she was free to invest in her life’s dream. Through her unrelenting support, the pill came to market in 1960.

When McCormick died in 1967 at age 92, her pivotal role in the advancement of women’s medicine had been nearly forgotten. But we at PPMSM are honored to revive her legacy through

## Celebrating 20 Years of Changing Lives

### You and A Legacy

Longtime donors and volunteers celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Luncheon on May 12 by featuring women’s rights warrior Gloria Steinem. At age 80, Steinem greeted a crowd of more than 900 guests with her clenched fist held high—a sure sign that the fight is far from over.

She reminded the audience at The Henry Hotel in Dearborn, “It took the suffragists and the abolition movement more than 100 years. So it’s not surprising that we’re still at it after only 50 years.”

That is why “it’s the most profound revolution to say that reproduction is a fundamental human right,” said Steinem. “There is nothing more important than what Planned Parenthood is doing to protect this civil right.”

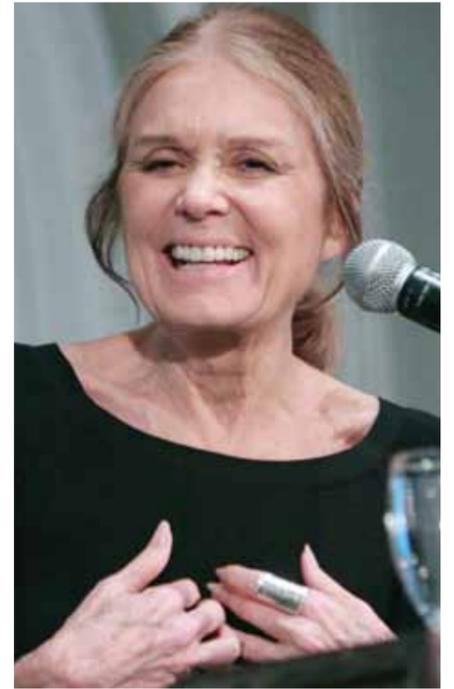
CEO Lori Lamerand Carpentier thanked the volunteer committee that has raised more than \$1.2 million over the past two decades to support critical patient services like cancer

screenings and annual exams. “In this room there’s a woman whose mother worked at the first Margaret Sanger clinic in New York,” said Carpentier.

The next generation will have to be clear that controlling reproduction isn’t a battle, it’s THE battle, said Steinem. “This debate isn’t going away,” she said.

Thanks to the event chairs Beth Whitney, Nanci Einstein, and Carol Klein, who led the nearly 50 volunteers in raising a record \$109,000 to support the work we do. ■

*The 20th Annual Luncheon of PPMSM featured Gloria Steinem—writer, lecturer, editor, feminist activist, and recent recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.*



(Left to right) Beth Whitney, Nanci Einstein, Gloria Steinem, and Carol Klein.



Around PPMSM, we know our CEO Lori Lamerand simply as “Lori.” (That’s what happens when you are on the front lines of women’s health care for more than 29 years!) Because you are part of our family, we thought you’d like to know that Lori has changed her name to **Lori Lamerand Carpentier**. So when you see the new last name, rest assured it’s still the same Lori whose name is synonymous with Planned Parenthood!

## Power Legacy Circle

A legacy gift from your estate plan is the ultimate way you can ensure that Planned Parenthood's good work continues. Whether you decide to make a planned gift by including Planned Parenthood Mid and South Michigan in your will or trust or you designate us as a beneficiary of your retirement plan, your end-of-life gift will allow your legacy to continue. By including Planned Parenthood, you automatically become a member of our special Power Legacy Circle reserved for our donors who have made us a part of their legacy. Members will be invited annually to lunch with the President of PPMSM.

But we need to hear from you. Let us know that you have included us by sending an email or calling us. If you are thinking of including us, please contact Wendy Lawson at 734.926.4805. Our legal name as it should appear in your documentation is "Planned Parenthood Mid and South Michigan."

***We know you care. No matter what. Let us know if you are part of the Power Legacy Circle.***

Planned Parenthood Mid and South Michigan (PPMSM) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Ninety-seven percent of our services are focused on cancer screening, Pap tests, breast exams, birth control, vasectomies, sex education, and diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS. With 17 health centers serving 31 Michigan counties, PPMSM serves more than 60,000 women, men, and teens each year.

Your gifts make possible the services our patients depend on. With your help, Planned Parenthood can continue to be the most trusted provider for reproductive health care and make a real and lasting difference in your community.

Your donation can make a real impact on the real lives of real people. Give online today at

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## The Guard Changes; The Commitment Remains

### Power in Leadership

This month, Kathy Power steps down after nearly 17 years of board

services, including the last 3 years providing visionary leadership as Board Chair. During Power's tenure as Chair, PPMSM began critical infrastructure upgrades (including a new electronic medical health records system and upgrades to surgical suites), centralized administrative functions in Ann Arbor, and began a new prenatal program in Detroit. She has also been a lead donor, enabling PPMSM to continue to serve more than 60,000 women, men and teens across Michigan each year.

We are grateful for her time, leadership, and financial commitment. "I will be leaving the board, but I will never be leaving the cause," said Power. "By supporting Planned Parenthood, you not only provide services that profoundly affect the lives of individuals, you also support the reproductive justice movement, affecting the lives of millions. No other organization plays that role in women's health care."

On October 1, we will welcome our new chair, Denise Jacob. An RN and PhD, philanthropist and staunch advocate for women's health care, Jacob looks forward to continuing on the transformational path set by Power. "The ability for a woman to be in charge of her fertility and reproduction is a fundamental to a good life for her and her family," said Jacob. "Planned Parenthood makes sure that all women can meet this fundamental need."

Please also join us in welcoming our new Vice President for Advancement, Wendy Lawson. No stranger to Planned Parenthood, Lawson was the Development Director for Planned Parenthood of Mid Michigan in the early 1990s. "Coming back has felt like coming home," she said. ■



*Outgoing Board Chair Kathy Power*



*Incoming Board Chair Denise Jacob*



*Vice President for Advancement  
Wendy Lawson*