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## Hoosiers Help PPIN Exceed Donation Goal

\$32,000 raised for PPIN's Women's Health Fund

Some economists say the global recession is beginning to wane and brighter days are ahead. However, Planned Parenthood of Indiana (PPIN) continues to see women and men struggling to pay for preventive reproductive health care. PPIN patients have to make difficult decisions about whether to get their screenings and treatments, Pap tests and birth control, or pay the rent and buy food for their families.

Due to changes in how TANF/SSBG (Title XX) funding is allocated in Indiana, PPIN now receives approximately \$1 million less in federal family planning money. This means fewer federal dollars are available to help offset patients' costs of care, impacting nearly 19,000 of PPIN's patients statewide.

In an effort to raise awareness about this loss of federal funding and patients' need for assistance, PPIN asked supporters for help. The response was tremendous. About 350 donors stepped up to raise \$32,000 in donations, exceeding the organization's \$25,000 goal. On behalf of patients who utilize those funds, "Thank you!"

The dollars raised are now in PPIN's Women's Health Fund (WHF). Despite its name, the fund helps both women and men access preventive care at PPIN health centers around the state. WHF money covers services such as Pap tests to screen for cervical cancer, sexually transmitted disease (STD) testing and treatment, and birth control.

Job losses, and the ensuing loss of employer-paid health insurance, have created an unprecedented need for affordable health care. In May 2009, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) reported that the current economic crisis is affecting preventive health care for women.

This study found that 14 percent of women have postponed an annual exam because of the economy, 15 percent have cut back or stopped taking medication due to cost, 21 percent reported difficulty paying for health care or medications and 13 percent, who are currently using a hormonal method of contraception, are worried they might not be able to pay for it.

Unfortunately, the need for donations is even greater than ever. For fiscal year 2010, the WHF is budgeted at \$172,000. PPIN estimates the actual need for assistance to be nearly \$1 million.

If you have not already done so, please consider an additional gift this year to PPIN's WHF. Your dollars are needed to assist those who cannot afford care. To make your donation, contact the development department at (317) 637-4156 or donate online at [www.ppin.org/donate](http://www.ppin.org/donate).

You can also support the WHF by attending the 2010 *Gathering of Goddesses and Gods* event in Indianapolis on May 8.

Attendees will experience a Midsummer Night's Dream as they are pampered with massages and other services while enjoying food and wine. The evening also features a silent and live auction, dinner and dancing. All proceeds from the event support the WHF. For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit [www.ppin.org/goddesses](http://www.ppin.org/goddesses).

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### In Memoriam: Herbert Falender

PPIN was saddened to hear of the passing of longtime supporter Herbert Falender on Sept. 23. Mr. Falender and his late wife Jane were dedicated supporters of PPIN's mission. It is, in part, because of the Falenders' generous support over the years that PPIN has been able to ensure Hoosiers in need have access to health care and education.



Herbert Falender  
1916 - 2009

A lifelong resident of Indianapolis, Mr. Falender perpetuated his commitment to PPIN beyond his lifetime as a member of *Circle of Choice*, PPIN's planned giving program.

Thank you to all those who gave in Mr. Falender's honor, especially his family. If you would like to give in memory of someone or are interested in learning about the *Circle of Choice* program, please e-mail [development@ppin.org](mailto:development@ppin.org).



# Message from the President and CEO

## PPIN Health Centers on the Move

In order to continue providing a quality patient experience at PPIN health centers, several relocations have been scheduled for 2010.

After nearly 25 years, the Seymour health center moved on Jan. 19. The new office is more conveniently located near the Shoppes at Seymour, directly off Interstate 65. With more space and an updated look, the new location offers patients a more comfortable experience.

In addition to Seymour's relocation, the Southside (Indianapolis) and Gary health center moves have been scheduled. The Southside center will relocate to a more modern space across the parking lot from its current location at the end of February. The new space will also offer patients more privacy.

The Gary center is scheduled to move to a more convenient and updated space in late spring. PPIN is still working to find a location in Gary that best meets patients' needs. For more information on center locations and updates, visit [www.ppin.org](http://www.ppin.org). If you would like to assist or support PPIN in securing a new location in Gary, please contact Suzannah Wilson Overholt at (317) 637-4166.



Betty Cockrum  
President & CEO

PPIN enters 2010 breathing a sigh of relief that a difficult year is behind us. Our staff members are standing tall and looking to the New Year with strength and vigor.

Like many nonprofit organizations, PPIN experienced significant financial hardships during the past year, from investment losses to the rising costs of providing care. Over the past year, we reduced our annual operating budget by nearly \$2 million. This includes cuts made after the loss of federal funding was announced last fall. This loss, coupled with the economic downturn, forced us to plan the closures of six health centers and reduce our workforce by the equivalent of 22 full-time positions.

This was tough, but it left us stronger and still more determined to adapt to changing conditions. We took the opportunity to restructure, adjusted our business model and became a leaner, more efficient organization. I am confident our board and staff are smart enough, tough enough and dedicated enough to meet our mission of providing comprehensive reproductive health care, protecting through prevention and supporting those who need us most.

This year is sure to bring its own challenges, but we must remember the tens of thousands of women and men who receive their medical care from us and the thousands more we educate about sexuality and reproductive health issues. When others try to shake our resolve, we must repeat, "Indiana is a better place because PPIN is here."

I reminded myself of that when I was visited at my private residence on New Year's Day by a group of angry protestors. They were holding large, offensive, anti-abortion signs with the objective of making sure my neighbors know about me. It was a truly unpleasant experience, leaving me frayed, but not afraid. I found it incredibly heartening that one neighbor immediately went online and made a \$1,000 donation to our good cause. It lives at my very core that Indiana is a better place because PPIN is here.

We also face political challenges in 2010. It's going to be a tough year for PPIN, women, men and nonprofits. We are already logging a great deal of time at the Statehouse—attacks on reproductive health and choice started bright and early on day one of the legislative session. 2010 also brings a critical election, one that will determine who leads the Indiana House and who will be at the table for drawing legislative districts for the next decade. You are reading this newsletter because you care about Hoosier women, men, families and reproductive health care—if ever there was a time to pay attention and to be fully present and engaged—it is now.

When I think of the bumpy road ahead, I remember that our health center staff detect patients' cancers in time to save lives. I remember a recent story about the excitement a woman and her family and friends felt when she received positive results from her pregnancy test. I remember we are here to detect and treat the STDs that will strike one in two sexually active Americans by age 25. I remember that birth control enables women and men to be in charge of their lives.

Indiana is a better place because PPIN is here.

Here's to a healthy and robust 2010.

Betty Cockrum  
President & CEO



## Events Calendar

### PPIN Anniversary, Feb. 4

PPIN celebrates 78 years of providing reproductive health care services to Hoosiers.

### PPYL 80s Prom, Feb. 10

8 p.m. - 12 a.m.  
Talbott Street  
Indianapolis, IN

### Cocktails for Choice, Feb. 18

Join reproductive health advocates for a monthly event. For details, e-mail [advocates@ppin.org](mailto:advocates@ppin.org).

### Gathering of Goddesses and Gods, May 8

5 - 11 p.m.  
Indianapolis Marriott  
Indianapolis, IN

## Party Generates New Board Member

PPIN supporters and advocates gathered in support of the organization's mission on Aug. 27 at a local café in Evansville. The event, hosted by Dr. Deborah Goldman, included notable members of the community, as well as PPIN President and CEO Betty Cockrum and PPIN Board Chair Claudette Einhorn.

More than 50 supporters and community leaders in attendance heard about PPIN's current affairs at the local and state levels. The event engaged new donors, as well as recruited a new PPIN board member. If you are interested in hosting a house party in your community, e-mail [development@ppin.org](mailto:development@ppin.org).

## Northwest Region Meets PPIN Educator

On Oct. 22, members of the northwest Indiana community came together at the home of former PPIN Board Member MaryAnn Thompson.

The event—co-hosted by PPIN Board Member Kristin McMurtrey and community supporter Debi Anderson—highlighted the range of services PPIN provides in the area. PPIN Educator Lori Johns Diallo discussed some of the education programs available.

To continue engagement in the area, a Community

Action Board (CAB) will be launched. For more information about CABs, e-mail [advocates@ppin.org](mailto:advocates@ppin.org).

## Young Leaders Support PPIN

Planned Parenthood Young Leaders (PPYL) hosted a variety of events at the end of 2009—helping to recruit more members.

The second annual PPYL Spooktacular was held Oct. 29 at SI in downtown Indianapolis. Young professionals came together for this fun and informative event. Noteworthy attendees included Minnie Mouse and Little Red Riding Hood.

As a thank you to current PPYL members, the PPYL Advisory Board hosted a Member Appreciation Brunch on Dec. 8. The event gave attendees an opportunity to have an intimate conversation with PPIN President and CEO Betty Cockrum.

Mark your calendar for the PPYL 80s Prom on Feb. 10. For more information about PPYL and future events, e-mail [ppyl@ppin.org](mailto:ppyl@ppin.org).



PPIN Peer Educator Jayla Butler (middle) is joined by international delegates during a Nov. 30 event.

## PPIN Education Crosses Borders

On Nov. 30, a group of international delegates hosted by the International Center of Indianapolis—comprised of government and health care professionals, youth educators and community activists from eight countries—vis-

ited Indianapolis in correlation with World AIDS Day.

The delegates interacted with their U.S. counterparts to shed light on educational strategies agencies employ around the prevention, education and treatment of HIV/AIDS.

PPIN peer educators from the Indianapolis Metropolitan High School were on hand to discuss what they had learned from the peer education program.

Peer-based models of sexuality education structured around leadership training are recognized as effective by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration. Many of the international delegates had never encountered a peer-to-peer program and were impressed by the concept of teens educating other teens on the subject of sexuality.

## PPIN Partners with Spencer Pride



PPIN Educator Larisa Niles-Carnes (right) partners with Jacob Balash from Spencer Pride for local event.

On Dec. 5, Bloomington educators joined with the south-central Indiana GLBT support group Spencer Pride for a condom crawl event. Volunteers visited local bars, distributing condoms to more than 500 people.

"It was a success," stated PPIN Educator Larisa Niles-Carnes. "People were receptive to the idea of promoting safer sexual behaviors, and it was great collaborating with Spencer Pride for this event."

One Spencer Pride member added, "I've always wanted to volunteer for PPIN. As an advocate for reproductive health, I thought this was a great opportunity for me to get involved."

To learn about events in your area, e-mail [askme@ppin.org](mailto:askme@ppin.org).



# In the News



## PPIN Helps Hoosiers Afford Health Care

While unemployment rates remain high and the current state of the economy tops Hoosiers' concerns, PPIN has created more ways for Hoosiers to remain healthy and safe during tough times.

For 78 years, PPIN has been a trusted provider of reproductive health care in Indiana. By expanding its low-cost services, the organization continues in its mission of providing accessible, affordable services to all Hoosiers.

PPIN offers patients numerous birth control options including the ring, patch, shot, IUDs, Implanon, diaphragms, condoms and birth control pills below most pharmacies' rates. Now, PPIN has introduced a half-price birth control pill option for just \$12.

In addition to low-cost birth control, PPIN offers several services to make reproductive health care more accessible to Hoosiers. For women who do not need Pap tests every year under current guidelines, birth control is available at PPIN health centers without a Pap test. Known as the HOPE program, this service allows women who meet medical eligibility criteria to buy birth control without a pelvic exam.

For those patients who are unable to visit

their nearest PPIN health center, PPIN offers *We Deliver!*, a birth control-by-mail service. Current PPIN patients may order their contraceptive supplies by phone, fax, U.S. mail or online, for the price of the contraceptive plus shipping and handling.

To learn more about all the services PPIN provides, contact your nearest health center at 1-800-230-PLAN or visit [www.ppin.org](http://www.ppin.org).

## Supporters Honored at Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony

PPIN honored community leaders for their continued support at its Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony on Nov. 18.

The Distinguished Service Award, given to a PPIN board member who exemplifies leadership qualities while keeping strategic development and organizational growth in mind, was presented to George Bakker of Terre Haute for his passion and consistent involvement in his community.

The Eleanor Flee Volunteer Award, given to an individual who has donated regular service and gone beyond the call of duty, was awarded to longtime PPIN volunteer and supporter Janet Katz of Fort Wayne.



*PPIN Board Chair Claudette Einhorn (left) and PPIN President and CEO Betty Cockrum present the Distinguished Service Award to PPIN Board Member George Bakker.*



*PPIN Board Member Cindy Schmidt (left) joins PPYI Advisory Board Member Katie Carlson at the 2009 Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony.*

Laura Dodds, a member of the Planned Parenthood Young Leaders Advisory Board, accepted this year's Young Leader Award.

## State Health Department Grants Enable PPIN to Expand Program

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) recently informed PPIN that the organization would be allowed to expand its successful Disease Intervention Specialist Program.

PPIN will receive \$150,000 in federal grant funding from ISDH over the next year to help prevent the spread of STDs, including HIV. The region that includes PPIN's Muncie center was awarded \$100,000 in funding and the region that includes PPIN's Lafayette center will receive \$50,000. Both locations were awarded the funding for the 2010 calendar year.



*Muncie Health Center*

Grant funds will be used for salaries of staff members who will locate and counsel Hoosiers exposed to or infected with STDs, including HIV. This important work will help stop the spread of STDs around the state. Thanks to this funding, PPIN will be able to add two Muncie-area staff members to become part of this public health effort.

While the funding for the Muncie location is new, the Lafayette-area funding is a continuation from previous years and will continue to support existing Disease Intervention Specialist Monique Clesi.

The need for disease intervention is clear given the startling statistic that one in four sexually active teenage girls has an STD. A new Indiana University study shows the rate is even higher in larger cities. In fact, the American Social Health Association reports that one in two sexually active young people will get an STD before the age of 25.

"PPIN is committed to improving the health of Hoosiers and we appreciate the opportunity to do so through this grant," said PPIN Vice President of Patient Services Liz Carroll. "The ISDH grants will enable us to make a real difference in these two college communities and their surrounding areas."



The Margaret Sanger Award, PPIN's highest honor, was given to the Falender Family. Following the death of Herbert Falender (see *In Memoriam: Herbert Falender*, pg. 1), his family requested that memorial contributions be made to PPIN—ensuring Mr. Falender's commitment to the organization would live on for years to come.

The event was also an opportunity for PPIN to bid farewell to exiting board members. Thank you to all those who participated and were honored at the event.

## Marion County Offers Convenient, Noninvasive STD Testing

Last April, PPIN participated in "GYT: Get Yourself Tested." A nationwide campaign done in partnership with MTV and the Kaiser Family Foundation, GYT focused on the importance of testing and treatment for STDs. In addition to stressing the importance of regular testing practices, GYT highlighted various STD testing options, including convenient, noninvasive urine tests.



As an extension of PPIN's dedication to providing the most up-to-date services and information to Hoosiers, urine testing for gonorrhea and chlamydia is now available at all PPIN family planning health centers in Marion County. The Indiana State Department of Health reported that in 2008 there were more than 21,000 Hoosiers living with chlamydia and nearly 8,500 Hoosiers living with gonorrhea. While these numbers are alarming, there are even more cases that have gone undiagnosed.

For more than four years, PPIN has offered urine-testing for gonorrhea and chlamydia in other health centers around the state. By offering more options for STD testing, PPIN has been instrumental in getting more Hoosiers to know their STD status. During FY09, PPIN centers' performed nearly 85,000 gonorrhea and chlamydia tests, 18 percent of which were urine

tests.

PPIN centers continue to provide swab tests for gonorrhea and chlamydia, as well as HIV testing (see *Indiana AIDS Fund Supports Half-Price HIV Testing*, below). Most centers also offer syphilis, HPV and herpes testing. For a complete list of services your center provides, call 1-800-230-PLAN or visit [www.ppin.org](http://www.ppin.org).

## Indiana AIDS Fund Supports Half-Price HIV Testing

For a second time during 2009, the Indiana AIDS Fund awarded PPIN a grant to offer half-price HIV testing at the organization's five family planning centers in Marion County.

The tests, normally \$25, are being offered for \$12.50 at participating health centers until the funding is exhausted.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for

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Disease Control and Prevention, every nine and a half minutes, someone in the U.S. is infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. There are an estimated one million individuals living with HIV in the U.S. Of those one million, approximately one out of five do not know they are infected.

"HIV/AIDS isn't just happening in some faraway place," said PPIN Vice President of Patient Services Liz Carroll. "It's a reality right here in Indiana. In order to stop the spread of this deadly virus, it's important that individuals know their HIV status. We at PPIN are pleased to offer low-cost testing to help more individuals educate themselves."

## In Memoriam: Mabel McCants

Mabel McCants was many things to those who knew her best: a teacher, a dancer, a world traveler and a lifelong supporter of reproductive rights. A dedicated supporter to PPIN for more than 40 years, Mabel passed away Nov. 30 at the age of 99.

Working alongside the executive director of the former-Planned Parenthood of Northwest Indiana (PPNW) affiliate, Ann McFarren, Mabel was an original member of the PPNW board. (The affiliate merged with central and southern Indiana in 2000, and in 2004, Planned Parenthood became a statewide affiliate.) Mabel once said, "I never knew what real volunteering was until I joined Planned Parenthood's board."

In 1987, Mabel was honored for her years of dedicated service to the organization. Many PPIN staff members had the honor of getting to know Mabel throughout

the years. One former staff member noted that even at 91, Mabel was "sharp as a tack, informed, interested and still very committed to PPIN."



*Mabel McCants  
1910 - 2009*

In honor of her 95th birthday, Mabel's friends established the Mabel McCants Fund at the Legacy Foundation. Donations to this fund benefit two organizations important to Mabel—PPIN and the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra.

One of her former students said it best, "Mabel was in a class all by herself. She is someone you never forget." After her passing, PPIN received many donations in Mabel's honor, a fitting and much-appreciated way to remember her.

Mabel was known to say, "I love everyone," and indeed, everyone loved her.



# Support, Strengthen & Stand

## Employee Profile: Kristopher Posthuma

### **What led you to PPIN?**

After graduating from Manchester College with a BS in Sociology, with minors in Gender Studies and Religion, I found myself in Philadelphia working for AmeriCorp on City Year—a 10-month program working in inner-city high schools as a mentor.

I've always been an advocate for PPIN's mission. When I saw an opening for a health center assistant at the Northwest (Indianapolis) site, I knew it was a great chance to get my foot in the door. Plus, I would be working directly with patients. I later transitioned into my current role as Educator and Resource Coordinator.

### **Why women's health?**

I consider myself a feminist. I've always been interested in human rights, and I see women's health issues as an extension of that.

### **Any favorite PPIN moments?**

Each day I'm faced with a new and different question, idea or challenge. It allows me to become creative when educating

others on topics that are considered "taboo" such as sexuality, STDs or unintended pregnancies.

In the health center, I saw firsthand the questions people faced. As an educator, people can now turn to me for trusted and accurate information.

### **So, what do you do in your free time?**

My fiancée Lil and I enjoy traveling and camping, especially in the mountains of North Carolina.

### **Fiancée? Have you set a date?**

Not yet, but we're hoping to have a ceremony within the next year. We will be waiting to sign the marriage certificate, as Lil and I strongly feel we should only be legally married when all citizens who want to marry have the right to do so.

### **Any parting thoughts?**

Lil and I would like to thank the PPIN family for their support during the setback of our December house fire.



*Kristopher Posthuma,  
Educator/Resource  
Coordinator*

PPAI Facebook fan at [www.facebook.com/PPAdvocatesIndiana](http://www.facebook.com/PPAdvocatesIndiana).

Supporters also participated in a phone bank thanking donors for their support and encouraging them to make an additional donation to PPIN's Abortion Fund, which helps offset the cost of abortion for patients in need.

If you're interested in participating in future volunteer opportunities, e-mail [advocates@ppin.org](mailto:advocates@ppin.org).

## PPIN Receives Unexpected Gift

On Nov. 2, PPIN received some surprising news from the Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation, an Indianapolis-based private foundation. The foundation notified PPIN that it would be receiving an annual gift of \$35,000 for each of the next three years to support the work of PPIN's Marion County health centers.

"It is not often that a gift comes unexpectedly, especially one so substantial," said PPIN President and CEO Betty Cockrum. "We feel incredibly fortunate to have the support and confidence of such a worthy funder."

The three-year grant award totaling \$105,000 will help PPIN provide comprehensive reproductive health care to Marion County residents.

"The Fairbanks Foundation is pleased to support Planned Parenthood's Marion County health center services," said Claire Fiddian-Green, grants officer for the Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation. "One of the Foundation's funding themes in health is support for the Marion County health care safety net system, which encompasses health care providers serving the uninsured, Medicaid and underinsured populations. The Foundation's Board of Directors awarded the grant in recognition of the important role PPIN plays in serving this vulnerable population."

Like many nonprofit organizations, PPIN has been weathering the financial turbulence of the past year. Additionally, PPIN's Marion County health centers will no longer be receiving approximately \$374,000 in

## Abortion Remains a Hot Topic Spanning Generations

PPIN and Planned Parenthood Advocates of Indiana (PPAI) put a modern twist on the 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision that legalized abortion in the U.S. On Jan. 22, a virtual book club was hosted on Facebook that allowed Hoosiers to join a book discussion from the comfort of their own homes, offices or dorm rooms.

The all-day discussion brought together Hoosiers of all ages to discuss "*This Common Secret: My Journey as an Abortion Doctor*" by Susan Wicklund. In this groundbreaking book, the author discusses her chal-



*PPIN and PPAI host a virtual book club discussion.*

lenges and experiences as a U.S. abortion doctor.

The online discussion made it clear that the topic of abortion remains important to Hoosiers of all generations. Older participants remember the unsafe and often lethal back-alley abortions before *Roe v. Wade*, while middle-aged individuals remember the fight to legalize abortion. It was interesting to learn that in some cases the younger generation took abortion rights for granted since they didn't remember a time when women were dying from unsafe procedures.

Across generations, participants agreed that the freedom of choice remains important to everyone. To review the chat, become a



Title XX funding (*see Hoosiers Help PPIN Exceed Donation Goal*, pg. 1). This loss of Title XX means about 5,200 Indianapolis-area patients will not receive the financial assistance they have typically accessed.

This generous grant award is particularly meaningful given PPIN's current challenges and will help offset a portion of the Title XX loss.

Thank you to the Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation for its generosity and commitment to health care access in Indianapolis.

## North Central CAB Goes Into High Gear

PPIN Community Action Boards (CABs) have shown exceptional involvement in their communities in the past year. However, one CAB has moved its advocacy efforts into high gear.

In November, the North Central CAB worked with PPIN educators to host "Positive Encounters: Effective Methods for Talking about Sexuality and Safer-Sex Decisions." Due to the success of the event, the CAB will host the workshop again in the spring.

North Central CAB members will also participate in the Michiana Monologues, the community's version of Eve Ensler's play, "The Vagina Monologues." Each February, the play proves to be an empowering and uplifting event.

CABs are also located in Lafayette, Fort Wayne, Terre Haute, Valparaiso and Bloomington. To be connected with your local CAB or to start a CAB in your community, call (317) 637-4186 or e-mail [advocates@ppin.org](mailto:advocates@ppin.org).

## Health Care Reform Moves on the Hill

Health care reform has made progress in Washington D.C. In a 60-39 vote, the U.S. Senate passed its version of health care reform in December.

If voted into law, the historic bill would be the biggest expansion of federal health care

guarantees since the enactment of Medicare and Medicaid more than four decades ago. Leaders from both chambers and the White House still must merge this bill with the House version passed in November. Then, the House and Senate must vote again. As of print time, Congress was hopeful that a final version of the bill would be on the President's desk by his State of the Union address at the end of January.

House and Senate versions differ in several key areas, including the public option and abortion coverage. However, both are

unacceptable in regard to protecting women's reproductive rights. PPIN, with Planned Parenthood Federation of America and other affiliates across the country, has advocated for maintaining the status quo when it comes to reproductive rights in the current debate. PPIN staff, board members and supporters met with congressional members and staff

in Washington, D.C. and in the districts to express their concerns. Additionally, PPIN has coordinated letter writing and e-mail campaigns. PPIN will stay watchful and carry on the fight to ensure that reproductive rights and women's health care don't suffer major setbacks in exchange for this sweeping reform.

## PPAI Active in 2010 Legislative Session

To stay ahead of potential changes to reproductive health laws in Indiana, PPAI is once again involved in the fast-paced process of monitoring bills and amendments during the Indiana General Assembly session.

Lawmakers got to work before the official start date on Jan. 5. On the first session day of the new year, PPIN Vice President of Public Policy and Education Margaret Lawrence Banning was present to testify at a committee hearing.

While PPAI staff are present at the Indiana Statehouse during session, Capitol Activists are always needed to attend hearings and

## Want to Stay Involved?

1. Sign up to receive updates from the Planned Parenthood Action Network at [takeaction.ppin.org](http://takeaction.ppin.org).
2. Become a member of the PPIN Writer's Circle.
3. Become part of the PPIN volunteer pool and volunteer when your schedule allows.
4. Join your local RJA or CAB.

To become involved in any or all of PPIN's outreach opportunities, e-mail [advocates@ppin.org](mailto:advocates@ppin.org).

meetings on PPAI's behalf. If you are interested in becoming involved, call (317) 637-4186 or e-mail [advocates@ppin.org](mailto:advocates@ppin.org).

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## RJA Activism Spreads Through Indiana

PPIN's Reproductive Justice Activists' (RJA) efforts recently expanded to five campuses across Indiana. RJAs serve as PPIN's liaisons on college campuses and act as grassroots activists in the community.

By providing a PPIN presence at campus and community events, RJAs are able to recruit other campus activists in an effort to grow the number of young reproductive justice advocates. RJAs also organize Live Action Camps in their communities and participate in days of action.

RJAs are currently located at Indiana University South Bend, Butler University, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Indiana University in Bloomington and Purdue University in West Lafayette.

As youth activists, RJAs are the future of PPIN and reproductive rights in Indiana. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming an RJA, call (317) 637-4186 or e-mail [advocates@ppin.org](mailto:advocates@ppin.org).

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**APOLLO BENEFATOR: \$500** (includes 2 VIP tickets and sponsorship recognition)  
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**EVENT TICKET: \$150** (includes complimentary parking)

For more information and tickets, call (317) 637-4350 or visit [www.ppin.org/goddesses](http://www.ppin.org/goddesses).

All proceeds support Planned Parenthood of Indiana's Women's Health Fund which assists low-income women and men with critical reproductive health services.

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