



Pinked Out AND Powered Up

OUR 2018 GALA WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

To celebrate our incredible supporters and advocates, and gear up for the fight ahead, this year's Annual Gala theme was Pink Out Power Up! It was an amazing success in which we not only reached our fundraising goal, but surpassed it, raising more than \$420,000! Thanks to you, PPNC's doors stay open, providing affordable, critically-needed, nonjudgmental and compassionate reproductive health care and sexuality education to the thousands of people who depend upon us every year.

With the rights we hold dear on the line, we also took the opportunity at our Gala to remind everyone of the single most important thing one can do to "pink out and power up": VOTE! This November's midterm election is critical, and it is imperative that people get to the polls to vote their values.

The crowd was powered up by PPNC's very own Fight Song – a rendition written by PPNC Volunteer Ronnie Lavine and performed by local high school student, Jessica Buontempo. [Click here to watch a video of the full performance!](#)

"This year, pinking out and powering up means ensuring that as many people as possible are registered to vote and have a plan to get to the polls for every election in their community – whether a primary or general. The Gala was a reminder of how many people stand with Planned Parenthood and how powerful we are when we take action, get out to the polls and vote."

–RACHEL,
PPNC SUPPORTER & ACTIVIST

"I see very clearly the effect that donations have and it translates directly to women getting access to care and resources. We take very good care of our patients and it would be disastrous for this community if we were not here."

-BETH SCHMIDT, PPNC MEDICAL DIRECTOR



PPNC Gala Honorees Devin Kulka and Danielle Lundon, PPNC President & CEO JoAnn Smith, Board Chair Karen Seltzer, and Gala Honorees Harriet and Jack Kulka

This year, Planned Parenthood of Nassau County (PPNC) was also delighted to honor The Kulka Group, a highly-respected construction firm that has made the tri-state area a more beautiful place in which to live and work, and PPNC a more stylish and welcoming place for our patients!

In the fall of 2017, The Kulka Group implemented a comprehensive renovation that transformed PPNC's health centers in Hempstead and Massapequa, making them more modern and inviting, and reflective of the high-quality care that PPNC provides. Warmest thanks to Jack, Harriet, Devin, and the entire Kulka community for their support and ongoing commitment to our mission.

Moreover, thank you to all of our incredible sponsors, committee members, board members, volunteers, staff and of course, our guests, for making our 2018 Annual Gala a tremendous success, and truly, a night to remember! 🍷



PPNC Gala Co-Chair Judy Schwartz, President & CEO JoAnn Smith, Board Chair Karen Seltzer and Gala Co-Chair Marilyn Monter (Missing from Picture: Gala Co-Chair Diane Yatauro)

Visit www.ppnc.org/gala to see more photos of the fabulous evening!



Funding THREATENED AGAIN

The Trump-Pence Administration has officially announced a nationwide “gag rule” that would prevent providers like us from serving patients under the Title X program, the country’s most comprehensive reproductive health care and family planning funding stream. The rule would do three main things:

- Make it illegal for doctors, nurses, hospitals, and community health centers (like us!) across the country that participate in the Title X program to refer their patients for safe, legal abortion. In other words, “gagging” us from giving patients information about all of their options.
- Impose new restrictions designed to make it impossible for patients to get birth control or preventive care from reproductive health care providers like Planned Parenthood.
- Remove the guarantee that people are getting full and accurate information about their health care from their doctors. For nearly two decades, Title X law has been clear: health care providers cannot withhold information about all pregnancy options. This rule means they can, and its outrageous!

Trump’s gag rule would:

- × Allow doctors to **withhold information about abortion** from their patients
- × **Block** people from preventive care at Planned Parenthood
- × **Violate** basic medical ethics

FAQs

When would this proposed rule be implemented?

On June 1, the Health and Human Services (HHS) website posted the notice in the federal register, initiating a 60-day comment period during which the public can provide feedback. Following this, there will be another 60-day revision period, and finally a 30-day period before the rule is implemented. This timeline means that there is a minimum of 5 months before the rule can take effect. In the meantime, our national office is looking at ways to stop the bill from moving forward, such as litigation, and [collecting comments from the public to oppose the rule](#).

Click here to submit your comment: <http://bit.ly/nogaghhs>

How will it affect PPNC and our patients?

There is no immediate impact for our patients, as we have the 5 months before anything becomes official.

What can you do to take action now to stop this rule from going into effect?

The HHS is now accepting comments from the public. PP is collecting comments to ensure none get lost. We urge you to submit your thoughts at <http://bit.ly/nogaghhs>. **It is imperative that every single person that stands with Planned Parenthood post comments in objection to this rule.** Polling shows that 77% of Americans are against this rule – and we need to make sure our objections are counted! 📌

Expanding our **PATIENTS' KNOWLEDGE**

Planned Parenthood is proud to be the expert on birth control, with the most medically up-to-date, research-backed information, resources and the full-range of contraceptive methods available.

Not only do we strive to provide cutting-edge reproductive health care, but we also work to empower every single patient by equipping them with the knowledge and resources they need to make informed decisions about what kind of birth control is right for them.

For example, this Spring, our health center staff participated in a day-long training about delivering enhanced birth control counseling to help patients better understand various methods of contraception, and guide conversations to help *them* choose what works best for their lifestyles. 

“PPNC is the expert on birth control, and the *10 Best Practices of Contraceptive Counseling* program is making patients the experts too!

Through our counseling, patients learn information that empowers them to choose the best birth control method for them.”

-NANCY O'KEEFE,
SVP OF HEALTH SERVICES



Our staff, below, sporting birth control t-shirts for the training (left) and discussing best practices (right).



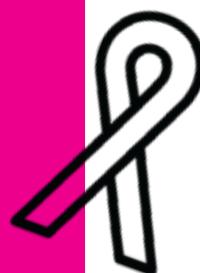
PPNC Received Recognition for **BREAST HEALTH OUTREACH**

On May 23rd, PPNC was awarded the *2018 Community Impact and Innovation Award* by Susan G. Komen of Greater NYC for our breast health initiatives in Nassau County, known as Sisters United in Health (SUIH).

Fourteen years ago, PPNC launched SUIH to provide underserved communities with culturally-sensitive, comprehensive breast health information through workshops, health and wellness events and one-on-one education. This effort also connects patients in need of referrals for free or low-cost mammograms and/or clinical breast exams. Today, the SUIH initiative is implemented by the Adelphi Breast Cancer Program and is administered by PPNC. 

“It has been a privilege to have Komen Greater NYC as our partner for the past 14 years. Both PPNC and Komen share the fundamental belief that access to health care is a right, not a privilege, and I’m proud to say that together, we have saved lives!”

-JOANN D. SMITH, *PRESIDENT & CEO*



The Sisters United in Health outreach team connecting with local residents at a health fair



PPNC Board Member Jan Figueira, Board Chair Karen Seltzer, Komen CEO Linda Tantawi, PPNC President and CEO JoAnn Smith and Adelphi Breast Cancer Program Executive Director, Hillary Rutter at the 2018 Komen Greater NYC Impact Awards

Empowering Through EDUCATION

PPNC continues to provide outstanding comprehensive sexuality education – from self-esteem and healthy relationships, to trainings on puberty, STIs, birth control and more.

In April, Jonathan Rodriguez, PPNC's Coordinator of Educational Youth Initiatives, was asked to be a part of Washington Rose Elementary's "Real Men Read" event. Every day, educators like Jonathan serve as role models, connecting with thousands of students of all ages in classrooms, community centers, churches and other community-based organizations.



Educator Jonathan reading to a class at Washington Rose Elementary

On the college level, PPNC also reaches more than 1,600 students every year through workshops and events, and is proud to be a well-respected and highly-regarded resource for the universities. For example, PPNC returned to three of our most frequently-visited universities for student events: Adelphi University; SUNY Old Westbury; and Nassau Community College (Photos below!). 



Educator Zoeë Davidson facilitating "Sexuality Jeopardy" at Adelphi University

Following a workshop at Nassau Community College, a professor remarked:

"Thank you, thank you, thank you for the [three] wonderful speakers for my students at Nassau Community College. The students are still talking about them! They easily developed rapport with them and used their knowledge in a way that fascinated students, giving them the confidence to ask their most pressing questions. I am so pleased at the excellent skills and professionalism your presenters demonstrate, and appreciate that they are also wonderful human beings."



An event at Old Westbury where students were asked why real sex ed matters to them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information on all upcoming events and volunteer opportunities, visit www.ppnc.org/events



March & Table with us at Long Island Pride on June 10, 2018

We'll be marching in the Second Annual Long Beach Pride Parade and tabling at their festival on the boardwalk. [Click here to volunteer for the day and join us.](#)



2018 Pink Out Power Up Summit on July 10, 2018

You don't want to miss our Second Annual Pink Out Power Up Summit for a powerful day of trainings and workshops on activism, getting out the vote and the fight for reproductive justice! [Click here to register for a spot at the summit.](#)



Be a Part of PPNC's 2018 Tough Mudder Team on July 22, 2018

Show your grit and perseverance by joining PPNC's team at the Long Island Tough Mudder – a day of obstacle courses and adventure. We'll pink out the course and raise money to keep our doors open. [Click here to sign up](#) and [click here to donate to our team!](#)



Save the Date!

PPNC's 2018 Annual Luncheon will be held on October 25th and feature *New York Times* journalist and visual op-ed columnist, Charles Blow, as our Keynote Speaker.

As a reminder of how important it is to think about reproductive rights every day, we came up with a "pill pack" of 28 things you can do to stand with Planned Parenthood!

For a complete description of all 28 "pills" and how you can take action, click the image below or visit www.ppnc.org/28things.



Have questions? Contact our Public Affairs team at publicaffairs@ppnc.org or call us at (516) 750-2649.