



PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF GREATER TEXAS: December Connections

Welcome to the December edition of Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas' monthly newsletter. As a valued supporter, we would like to share the latest updates on the work you make possible at Planned Parenthood. We have also included important action alerts and upcoming events.

SOUTH AUSTIN HEALTH CENTER WEEKEND CLINIC

The South Austin Health Center recently launched a new "weekend clinic" for family planning services. This health center location is now open from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturdays and Sundays. Dozens of patients received healthcare the first two weekends that we were open!

BANS OFF OUR BODIES DAY OF ACTION: VIRTUAL LISTENING SESSION

On December 1 from 8:30 AM to noon CT, we will be holding a virtual listening session of the U.S. Supreme Court oral arguments in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, the most consequential abortion rights case in nearly 50 years. You are welcome to join us anytime to listen collectively and in community online. The listening session will be followed by the opportunity to take an online action.

TEXANS CONNECT

This is a confusing and challenging time for Texans navigating sexual health information and abortion. Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas professional health educators are here to help. Texans are reaching out to us through our 7-day-a-week chat line. These chats show how heartbreaking Texas' abortion ban is and highlight the fear and concerns created by the ban:

"Yes, I'm interested in abortion, I want to confirm how many weeks I am, I think less than 6 weeks."

"I have two small children, I'm a single mom and I'm going through a difficult situation now."

"I understand you have a pill? You don't have an appointment for that? I am desperate."

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TEXAS' NEW ABORTION BAN - WHERE ARE WE NOW?



Our patients finally had their day in court. In November, the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the challenge to Texas's abortion ban (SB 8). Lawyers for Texas abortion providers, including Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas, made the case for why the law's dangerous private enforcement scheme is not only a threat to abortion access but to other constitutional rights as well. While we are eager for the U.S. Supreme Court to issue a ruling and block Texas' law, the U.S. Supreme Court isn't required to issue a decision by any specific date. This leaves most Texans unable to access an abortion until this dangerous law is overturned.

A NEWS CONNECTION

In a CNN article, our own Dr. Amna Dermish, Regional Medical Director, shares her harrowing experiences as an abortion provider in Texas:

"Every day working under this cruel law [SB 8] has been heartbreaking and unjust."



Your support matters.

Our doors are open because of your support. In 2020, more than 61% of our funding came from private donations like yours. In December of 2020, we raised over \$4 million. 18% of our annual fundraising was raised in December 2020. Funds raised last year in December alone provided:

20,000

teens with science-based health and sex education, empowering them

16,000

patients with colposcopies, an advanced form of cervical and vaginal tissue screening, to identify or remove precancerous cells

11,110

patients with a year of birth control pills to prevent unintended pregnancies

93,000

Healthcare visits in 2020 at Planned Parenthood health centers in Austin, Dallas, Denton, El Paso, Fort Worth, Lubbock, Paris, Plano, Tyler, Waco, and surrounding communities.

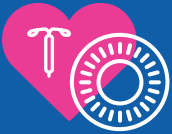
89%

Approximately 89% of our patients have annual household incomes less than \$25,000.

64%

In 2020, 64% of patient visits at Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas served uninsured Texans.

Our most common services provided are:



Birth control to help Texans plan and space their pregnancies.



Testing and treatment for STIs, HIV tests, and PrEP and PEP.



Lifesaving breast and cervical cancer screenings.

#giving tuesday 2021






GIVING TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday is a day dedicated to bringing Planned Parenthood supporters together. On November 30, let's come together to transform the communities we serve and help Planned Parenthood do even more good in those communities. Give, share, and show you care - support Planned Parenthood!

WAYS TO GIVE

Would you like to continue supporting high-quality healthcare services and sex education programs for generations to come? Contact Shawn Wills, Chief Development Officer, at (214) 363-3505 or shawn.wills@ppgt.org if you want to learn how a legacy gift to Planned Parenthood can ensure your commitment to high-quality care for all continues.

Your gift of:

-  **\$1,000** offers ten patients peace of mind with emergency contraception and health education resources
-  **\$500** prevents cervical cancer through screenings and treatment for two patients
-  **\$200** empowers one teen with honest, inclusive sex education
-  **\$100** keeps communities healthy through the distribution of 500 condoms
-  **\$30** prevents unintended pregnancies through one month of birth control

If you have a question or if you want to learn more, please contact the Development Office at (214) 254-3017 or email us at development@ppgt.org.

