Welcome to the first edition of Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas’ monthly online newsletter. As a valued supporter of Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas, we would like to share with you information that relates to sexual and reproductive healthcare and demonstrates the importance of your support for Planned Parenthood health services, education, and advocacy. We will also highlight upcoming events we hope you can attend.

**January is Cervical Health Awareness Month**
Planned Parenthood saves lives through the early detection of cervical cancer.

- **694**
  As of November 2020, we provided 694 HPV vaccines to protect Texans against cervical and other HPV-related cancers.

- **$500**
  Provides two patients with colposcopies - an advanced form of cervical and vaginal tissue screening, to identify or remove precancerous cells.

- **2,934**
  As of November 2020, we conducted 2,934 potentially life-saving cervical cancer screenings.

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.**

**A NEWS CONNECTION**

**Texas can kick Planned Parenthood out of its Medicaid program, federal appeals court rules**

Texas Governor Greg Abbott has been leading an effort to block Texans enrolled in Medicaid from accessing healthcare at Planned Parenthood health centers. Governor Abbott’s decision is expected to leave thousands of low-income Texans with reduced access to access to STI tests, birth control, cancer screenings, and cancer screenings and other healthcare. A recent federal court ruling allows the Governor’s ban to move forward blocking our patients from using Medicaid coverage to pay for services at Planned Parenthood health centers.

**TAKE ACTION**

Contact Texas Governor Greg Abbott and tell him not to block care for Medicaid patients at Planned Parenthood - people need more access to healthcare during a pandemic, not less.
You can support Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas this holiday season by giving a gift of reproductive healthcare for everyone who needs it. Make a meaningful impact in the life of someone who needs a cancer screening, birth control, or sex education.

Your gift of:

• **$500** enables 2 patients to prevent cancer through cervical cancer screenings and treatment

• **$200** empowers 1 teen with science-based, bilingual sex education

• **$100** offers 1 patient peace of mind with emergency contraception and health education resources

• **$30** prevents unintended pregnancies through 1 month of birth control

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