



PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF GREATER TEXAS: October Connections

Welcome to the October 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.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

According to the American Cancer Society, detecting breast cancer early and while still localized translates to a five-year relative survival rate of 99%. Early detection means knowing your breasts and looking out for changes, scheduling routine clinical breast exams, and getting mammograms when recommended. Planned Parenthood will help you detect breast cancer in its earliest and most treatable stages.

Black women are 41% more likely to die of breast cancer than white women. Reasons for this health disparity include barriers to healthcare access such as insurance, affordability, and health center appointments.

American Cancer Society. Cancer Facts and Figures for African Americans 2019-2021. Atlanta: American Cancer Society, 2019.

41%

18,000

Breast cancer was diagnosed in nearly 18,000 Texans in 2019.

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.

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

The U.S. Justice Department filed a lawsuit against Texas in a U.S. District Court, arguing that the state's new abortion law is "in open defiance of the constitution." We will be pursuing every legal avenue to overturn this extreme new abortion ban.



ABORTION IN TEXAS

Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas is in forced compliance with Texas' extreme new abortion restriction law (Senate Bill 8 or SB 8). This means that we are banned from providing abortion services after approximately 6 weeks of pregnancy counting from the last menstrual cycle. Our medical staff can help determine how far along the pregnancy is and connect patients with out-of-state care options including funding for transportation and other support resources. Donor support ensures that Patient Navigator staff can connect patients with the resources and support to access abortion safely and legally. With your support, we are also offering every patient who walks through our health center doors empowerment kits with emergency contraception, a pregnancy test, and condoms to support patients in planning and spacing their pregnancies.

TEXANS CONNECT

Texans are reaching out to us through our 7-day-a-week chat line. This chat shows how heartbreaking Texas' abortion ban is and highlights the fear and concerns created by the ban:

“Oh no, it’s been eight weeks. It might be too late since I’m in Texas. What would happen then?”

A NEWS CONNECTION

Thousands of Texans can't leave the state for abortion services - Texans who don't have a working car, can't get time off, and don't have access to childcare or the resources to leave the state. SB 8 is particularly going to impact Texans with disabilities, immigrants, low-income, women of color, young women, and rural women, increasing the inequities their communities suffer. In Texas, like many states, systemic racism disproportionately impact Black women and Latinas in lack of access to contraception and through this extreme ban.

TAKE ACTION

On October 2, Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas' supporters, and other supporters from Texas and around the nation, joined in for the 50-State Women's March, a national call to mobilize and defend our reproductive rights. We sent the U.S. Supreme Court and lawmakers across the state a clear, unified message - the attack on our reproductive rights will not be tolerated.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF GREATER TEXAS'

NIGHT UNDER THE STARS 2021

AUSTIN ANNUAL EVENT

Please join Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas for Night under the Stars 2021 on Thursday, November 18, at the Long Center for the Performing Arts H-E-B Terrace and Lawn.

Our evening together in front of the Austin skyline will feature mission-focused inspiration, education, and fun entertainment. Additionally, a virtual streaming option will be available for those who want to join us from the comfort of their home.

Funds raised support essential healthcare services, community health education programs, and advocacy on behalf of Texans.

EL PASO GIVING DAY

Join us for El Paso Giving Day, where you can make a positive impact in your community. We invite you to give early beginning October 14 or wait until El Paso Giving Day and donate on October 21 from 12 AM to midnight.



WAYS TO GIVE

Have you considered making a planned gift to continue the legacy of access to healthcare and education that you have made possible for thousands of Planned Parenthood patients, students, and parents? For more information on how you may include Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas in your estate plan, contact Shawn Wills, Chief Development Officer, at (214) 363-3505 or shawn.wills@ppgt.org.

Your gift of:

-  **\$1,000** provides 1 patient with a long-acting reversible contraceptive
-  **\$500** provides 25 empowerment kits with emergency contraception, a pregnancy test, and condoms to support patients in planning and spacing pregnancies
-  **\$360** prevents unintended pregnancies with 1 year of birth control
-  **\$200** empowers 1 teen with honest, inclusive sex education
-  **\$100** keeps communities healthy through the distribution of 500 condoms

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.

