



Dyana Limon-Mercado of the Austin Planned Parenthood staff, one year later: "Last year, I was 7 months pregnant, fighting for the rights of women like me. This year, I'm still fighting; I'm fighting for the rights of my daughter's generation and generations to come."

ONE YEAR LATER

Last June, Texans watched as State Senator Wendy Davis stood on the floor of the Texas Senate to fight back against a controversial bill Governor Rick Perry added to the Legislature's Special Session agenda. The bill's intent and impact was clear: it would close health centers that provide safe, legal abortion and reduce access to healthcare for women across the state.

To mark the one-year anniversary of that historic day at the Texas Capitol, Planned Parenthood Federation of America President Cecile Richards, Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas President & CEO Ken Lambrecht, and hundreds of Planned Parenthood supporters rallied in Austin and at events throughout the state. Participants pledged to double efforts to educate Texans about the need to elect leaders who respect women. Thank you for all of you who continue to stand up for Texas women—we are in for the long run!

Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas is on the frontline, providing high quality healthcare and education to Texans. Unfortunately, Texas politicians have blocked access to preventive care, birth control, and safe, legal abortion—creating new and challenging hurdles for our patients. But thanks to you, Planned Parenthood is standing strong and fighting back!

Because so many Texans depend on Planned Parenthood for their healthcare, we're committed to serving Texas women and their families for the long run. Please learn more about Building Our Future fund on page 2, and help us make sure that Planned Parenthood is here for the Texans who count on us. *Thank you.*

Ken Lambrecht

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President & CEO

TEENAGE COMMUNICATION THEATRE TURNS 30!

In 1982, Planned Parenthood in North Texas identified the need for a program to combat teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections. At that time, Dallas had one of the highest teen birth rates in the US.

Planned Parenthood analyzed strategies for educating youth and found that teens value information and non-judgmental materials from their peers in addition to education provided at their schools. With generous support from North Texas donors, TeenAge Communication Theatre (TACT) was launched in 1984—and has operated annually ever since.

TACT consists of Dallas-area high school volunteers who perform

original, interactive pieces about issues affecting today's youth. The performances present accurate, accessible information on abstinence, body image, bullying, dating violence, drunk driving, HIV/AIDS, alcoholism, parent-teen communication, sexual assault, sexual orientation, STIs, stress, suicide, and teen pregnancy.

In 2013 alone, TACT reached 1,700 young Texans at schools, religious institutions, shelters for teen mothers, and other community organizations.

Thank you to Planned Parenthood donors, staff, and TACT participants for making history with this outstanding program. We look forward to the next 30 years of TACT accomplishments!

"My favorite part of TACT is the performances and interacting with our audiences after and seeing the gratitude on our audiences' faces. TACT has shown me that young people really do want to learn about these topics—and they just need the means to access it."

Sydney Thomas, 2013-2015 TACT Teen Leader



THANK YOU, WACO

Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas hosted the 14th Annual Margarita Madness benefit in Waco in May. Thanks to more than 150 Planned Parenthood supporters and the event hosts, the sold-out event raised nearly \$30,000 to support Planned Parenthood's life-saving healthcare services and health education programs that Texans count on.

MY CARE MY WAY

Planned Parenthood healthcare offers the convenience of same-day appointments, extended or Saturday hours at select health centers, and the benefit of birth control options without a co-pay.

Do you want the confidence that comes from always getting expert, quality care? Call 1-800-230-PLAN to schedule an appointment today.



BUILDING OUR FUTURE FUND

Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas is proud to announce the Building Our Future Fund to ensure that Texas women can continue to access the healthcare they need—regardless of income level or ZIP code. With this commitment to our patients, Planned Parenthood has:

- Established a Patient Assistance Fund to ensure that women who have to travel as a result of Texas's new abortion restrictions have access to funding for transportation and lodging costs, and contraception to help prevent unintended pregnancies.
- Opened a new licensed ambulatory surgical center (ASC) in Dallas County in compliance with Texas's extreme abortion law. This new health center opened in mid-August and is now serving patients who depend on us.
- Invested in existing health centers so patients can continue to access to affordable annual exams, birth control, breast and cervical cancer screenings, HIV screenings, testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, and other essential preventive care.

We're halfway toward our \$12.95 million Building Our Future Fund goal, but we need your help, too. Your gift—of any amount—will ensure that Planned Parenthood is here for our patients to depend on—no matter what. Your investment will send a powerful message to opponents of women's healthcare: Planned Parenthood will not back down when it comes to providing the care that our patients count on. Contact Major Gifts Officer Katie Vitale at katie.vitale@ppgt.org or 512.276.8061 for more information or to donate today.

READY WHEN YOU ARE

Are you 24 or younger—and do you live in Travis County? You might qualify for low-cost or free long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs) at one of Planned Parenthood's three Austin health centers. LARCs are highly effective, last 3 to 10 years, and help to plan and space a pregnancy when you're ready.

Inexpensive or no-cost testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections and HIV screenings are also available. Check out austinbirthcontrol.org for details. Call 1-800-230-PLAN to schedule a consultation today. **#LoveMyLARC**



This year's Austin Annual Dinner will feature Keynote Speaker Lizz Winstead!

SAVE THESE DATES

2014 Austin Annual Dinner
September 14, 2014
Hyatt Regency Austin

Dallas Cocktails for a Cause
October 9, 2014
Conduit Gallery

Fort Worth Cocktails for a Cause
November 6, 2014
The T&P Station

Advance reservations are required for these ticketed events. Sponsorships are available. Call (855) 314-0799 ext 10183 or email events@ppgt.org.

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PLANNED GIFTS

Including Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas in your will or estate plan is a meaningful way to support family planning and reproductive rights. Your legacy gift ensures Planned Parenthood will be here for women and families for generations.

For more information about making a planned gift, contact Natalie Kelinske at (254) 492-1781 or natalie.kelinske@ppgt.org.