

STAND WITH PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF GREATER OHIO

WE'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE.

Governor DeWine signed the six-week abortion ban – the dangerous ban that criminalizes abortion before most women even know that they're pregnant. This ban places an undue burden on women by preventing them from accessing safe and legal abortion as guaranteed by *Roe v. Wade*.



Your support for Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio sends a message, loud and clear: **We will not take this lying down, and we will not go back.**



Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio

Across the nation, supporters like you are leading a movement to protect reproductive rights – **one house party at a time.**

A **Party with a Purpose** is a gathering of any size with like-minded friends of Planned Parenthood. Parties can take place at any time, day or night, and in any venue – a private home, a local restaurant or bar, a park, a community room – the possibilities are endless.

Your Party with a Purpose will raise awareness as well as critical funding in support of Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio. Every day, Planned Parenthood and our patients face a new fight: new abortion restrictions, defunding, smear campaigns, or blocking access for patients at health centers. When you host a Party with a Purpose to benefit Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio, you are protecting access to lifesaving reproductive care – including safe, legal abortion – for all Ohioans, including the nearly 65,000 women, men, and young people who depend on Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio.

Now, more than ever, we need you in this movement.

This house party toolkit provides resources and ideas to make your party a success. Your party can reflect your creativity, enthusiasm, and commitment to protecting reproductive rights and health care!

Thank you for standing with Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Susan'.

Susan Melnyk
Vice President of Development

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HOST A PPGOH FUNDRAISER

You can help support Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio by hosting a fundraising event with people who share your passion. To host your party, please take a look at our helpful tools and tips!

TIPS

- One in five people you invite will attend, so create a really big invitation list. Remember, even people who can't attend may still make a donation. Finding co-hosts who will invite their contacts is a great way to boost attendance.
- Invite people three to four weeks before the party to ensure maximum attendance.
- Consider setting up a private Facebook event page and/or posting your event on social media with RSVP information. Visit bit.ly/eventpagesetup for event page set-up instructions.
- Tell a personal story that explains why you're passionate about reproductive health care.
- Your party can be as casual or formal as you want. You can provide lunch, coffee and dessert, or make it a potluck. 1 ½ - 2 hours is a perfect amount of time for your party.
- Contact us at events@ppoh.org to let Planned Parenthood staff know about your party. We would love to hear your stories and see your photos! Feel free to reach out to us with any questions or concerns you have. We are always just a phone call away!



Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio

Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio (PPGOH) provides essential reproductive health care and education services to women, men, and young people at our 19 health centers in communities through North, East, and Central Ohio.

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PARTY PLANNING TIMELINE

After you have selected the size and location of your party, we recommend following along with our helpful timeline checklist below. See the included sample emails and program guidance.

FOUR WEEKS BEFORE PARTY:

- Invite co-hosts.
- Send out invitations; ask that guests RSVP.
- Plan the program including stories, any themes, and how you will encourage your guests to support PPGOH.

TWO WEEKS BEFORE PARTY:

- Send out reminder evites.
- Finalize the menu and purchase beverages and supplies.
- Plan tasks with co-hosts or helpers such as a greeter, sign-in monitor, and food and beverage roles.

ONE WEEK BEFORE PARTY:

- Review all RSVPs; follow up directly with people who have not responded.
- Plan your setup; consider a table for check-in, a donation collection basket, PPGOH pledge slips and pens, food and drinks, and nametags.
- If you're showing any videos, check your technology setup.
- Practice your program.



DAY OF PARTY:

- Mingle with guests until about half to two-thirds of the way through the party, then gather guests for the brief program.
- Thank guests for attending, tell them why you support Planned Parenthood, and ask for their financial support.

DAY AFTER PARTY:

- Send thank you notes or emails to guests.
- If appropriate, encourage them to consider hosting a party or making a donation online.
- Plan to deliver your contributions, pledge cards, and sign-in sheets with guest contact information to your nearest Planned Parenthood office.

SAMPLE EMAIL INVITE

Send your invitation to anyone who might be interested to come to your event or make a contribution. You can share it on social media and even ask people who RSVP to invite others. Feel free to personalize your email invitation!

Subject line:

My Planned Parenthood Fundraiser on (date)

Hello Friends,

Please join me and (additional co-hosts) at (location) for a fundraiser for Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio.

Thanks to Ohio politicians, a person's ability to determine their own path and their future is being obliterated. Governor DeWine signed Senate Bill 23 – the dangerous ban that criminalizes abortion after just six weeks, before most people even know that they're pregnant. This is a disappointing, sad, and even scary moment for us in Ohio.

If enforced, these blatantly unconstitutional bans will immediately put patients' lives at risk and criminalize doctors for providing basic medical care. Our friends, family, and neighbors deserve better – because when reproductive health care is protected, communities thrive.

Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio will not be pressured into eliminating abortion services. Help (me/us) ensure that Ohioans have accurate information about all their options.

(Date, Day, Time)

(Address)

RSVP to (phone and email) by (date).

I hope to see you there!

(Name)

P.S. Can't attend? **Please visit www.supportppgoh.org to make a gift to Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio.**

ASKING GUESTS TO SUPPORT PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Every dollar you raise supports the critical work of Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio. Here are some tips and a sample to help you be successful:

- Make the ask compelling by telling a story or explaining why you care about access to reproductive health care. This can be your personal story, a story that’s been told to you, or someone else at the party can tell a story.
- Clearly ask guests to give a specific amount. We recommend asking for “\$5 to \$10 per month,” or something similar.
- Provide donation pledge forms and pens. Also let guests know they can make gifts at www.supportppgoh.org; you might want to consider having a laptop or tablet open to this page.
- Deliver all pledge cards and payments to your local PPGOH office either in-person or via mail. If submitting payments via mail, please contact us to request a secured prepaid envelope or send certified. Please call our development team at **614-358-8738** if you would like assistance submitting your donations.

SAMPLE PROGRAM

Your program should communicate to your guests how important Planned Parenthood is to you, why they should care, and then ask them to contribute. Everyone has come to the party to support Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio, so your guests will be eager to help. Here is a 10-minute sample program to help boost support and connect your guests to this important cause.

1. Welcome and thanks. Gather everyone into a space where they can see and hear the speaker(s). Start by welcoming everyone to the event and thanking them for their time. Thank the other co-hosts and anyone else who helped make the event happen.
2. Talk about the importance of access to safe and legal abortion for Ohioans. Describe any other services and care that you think are important to protect such as giving people accurate health information and sexual health education for teens.
3. Discuss why protecting these rights and services is important to you. Tell a personal story, have someone else tell a personal story, or repeat stories that have been told to you.
4. Feel free to show a video provided by Planned Parenthood. Here are some good options:
 - Unstoppable: <https://youtu.be/-FUfDjk8-c4>
 - A Message from Dr. Leana Wen: <https://youtu.be/P8bCLk-eueo>
 - This is Health Care: <https://youtu.be/OGYCQ50VeAQ>
5. Ask your guests for financial support. Have a volunteer distribute pens and pledge cards as you ask. Tell them to hand pledges to you or deposit them in the container at the registration table.
6. Close by thanking your guests again. Tell them you would love for one to three guests to host their own party, and to see you to talk more about it.

SAMPLE FUNDRAISING REQUEST

“**Thank you** for coming to support the fight against Senate Bill 23, the dangerous six-week abortion ban. This ban is one of the most extreme in the country – criminalizing abortion after just six weeks, before most people know that they’re pregnant. Please join me in donating generously to Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio.

Preventing access to abortion does not reduce the rate of abortion – it is only increases the associated risk. If our community members can’t access this lifesaving service, many of them will turn to unsafe alternatives. Each year, an estimated 25 million unsafe abortions occur around the world, which is 45% of all abortions. No organization does more than Planned Parenthood to reduce unintended pregnancies and keep people healthy.

My personal fundraising goal this evening is for each of you to contribute at a level that is **meaningful to you**. Because the road to protecting our access to legal and safe abortion is long, I invite each of you to commit to a monthly gift that fits in your budget. Please contribute \$5 to \$10 per month, or more if you can afford it. I’m personally donating \$XXX.

(Have a volunteer hand around pledge slips and pens) Please fill out the pledge cards now or visit **ppgoh.org** on your smartphone. Together, we can make our collective voice heard...louder and clearer than ever before!

Thank you so much for showing up and supporting me, Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio, AND lifesaving reproductive health care throughout our state!”

**YES, I WANT TO STAND UP FOR REPRODUCTIVE
HEALTH CARE AND SUPPORT PLANNED
PARENTHOOD OF GREATER OHIO**



Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE

EMAIL

DATE

I want to support PPGOH with my monthly gift of: \$ _____/month

I want to support PPGOH with my one-time gift of: \$ _____

Enclosed is my check payable to PPGOH

I am paying with: Visa Mastercard Amex Discover

CARD NUMBER

EXP. DATE

CVV

NAME AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR CARD

YOUR SIGNATURE

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO STAND WITH PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF GREATER OHIO!

Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio | www.ppao.org | 206 East State Street, Columbus, OH 43215

SAMPLE THANK YOU EMAIL TO GUESTS

Send a thank you to each person who attended your party to show your appreciation and to maximize your contributions. Ideally, you will inspire three more friends to host their own event! Feel free to send a version to friends who didn't donate or attend to encourage them to contribute.

Subject line:

Thanks for supporting Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio!

Dear <Guest Name>,

Thank you for joining us to learn about Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio. I really appreciate that you are with me in this fight.

If you didn't yet contribute, please take a minute to donate.

My goal is for everyone who came to my fundraiser to make some kind of contribution, ideally a gift of \$5 to \$10 a month.

Together, we will fight for what's right and do everything we can to safeguard access to care for all people of Ohio. While we still have a long way to go to achieve this vision, the impact your donation will have on the battles today and beyond are immense.

If you already donated, thank you! I'm hoping that three of my party guests will host their own Party with a Purpose, getting at least 10 new donors themselves. Wouldn't that be great! Please let me know if you can host a party like I did.

Thank you again!

<Host name>

P.S. If you haven't made a gift to PPGOH yet, you can do so at www.supportppgoh.org or by mailing a check, made payable to Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio, to 206 E. State St., Columbus, OH 43215