

The UPDATE

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PPNC activists protesting Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court nomination before his hearings began in August.

Roe is at Risk.

BRETT KAVANAUGH: A DANGEROUS THREAT TO JUSTICE

At this very moment, the Senate Judiciary Committee is on the precipice of recommending the confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh to a LIFETIME seat on the Supreme Court of the United States. Should this appointment move forward, we are facing the most dangerous threat to women's reproductive freedoms since the 1970s.

As a number of controversies surrounding Brett Kavanaugh play out in the headlines, including serious allegations of sexual assault, an equally troubling issue is his elusive position on whether or not he considers *Roe v. Wade*, the landmark decision that legalized abortion in this country, to be rightly-decided, settled law. **Indeed, we are now facing the very real and dangerous possibility that, given the chance, a conservative court could turn back the clock on safe and legal abortion.**

Should this chilling scenario play out and *Roe v. Wade* be overturned, abortion rights would revert back to the states. And, while many people think of New York as progressive, our rights are not as safe as many people think. Indeed, for over a decade, the New York State Senate has refused to vote on two laws – the Reproductive Health Act and the Comprehensive Contraceptive Coverage Act – that would keep abortion legal in New York State and protect access to contraceptive care, respectively, regardless of what happens at the federal level.

As you will see in this issue of *The UPDATE*, thanks to supporters like you, Planned Parenthood of Nassau County remains focused on: protecting the rights of our patients through our advocacy efforts; ensuring that the people of Nassau County can access high-quality, compassionate and affordable reproductive health care in our health centers, and have the information and resources they need to lead healthy lives and make responsible decisions. 

Stand up **BY SHOWING UP**

With relentless attacks on the rights we hold dear – including reproductive rights – it's more important than ever to stand up and take action. Join us for the events and actions below:

A Day of "Unstoppable" Activism

October 1st | 1 - 9 PM

Thyme Restaurant, Roslyn

Join us for a day of community, activism and so much more! Local restaurateur, Nancy Serna, who previously hosted our 10-hour "I Stand with PP" event in January 2017, is hosting this "Unstoppable" event on October 1st at Thyme Restaurant in Roslyn! There is no cost to attend this event.

[Click here to RSVP!](#)



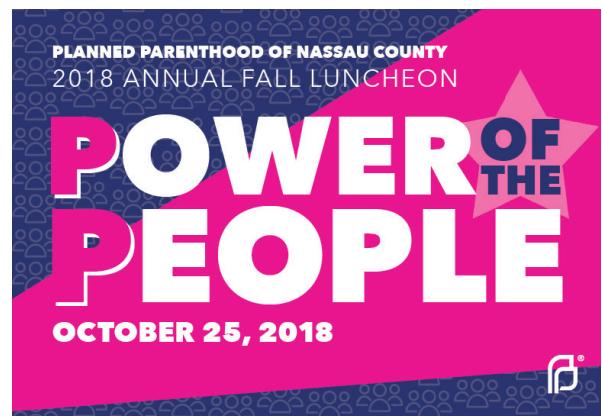
PPNC's 2018 Annual Fall Luncheon

October 25th | 10 AM - 2 PM

The Heritage Club, Bethpage
(Formerly, Carlyle on the Green)

On October 25th, we will be honoring the Long Island sections of the National Council of Jewish Women and hosting keynote speaker, New York Times columnist, Charles Blow, at our "POWER OF THE PEOPLE" Luncheon. Come at 10 AM to shop at our new boutique, featuring a wide array of vendors!

[Click here for tickets & sponsorships.](#)



Election Day

November 6 | Polls open 6 AM - 9 PM

[Find your polling location here!](#)

If this summer was any indication of how fast time flies, November 6th will be here before we know it! PPNC is pleased to present this election-ready check list to make sure you're prepared for the polls:

- ✓ **Mark your calendar:** November 6th is Election Day!
- ✓ **Make a plan:** Find your polling location by [clicking here](#) and decide what time you'll go. **Polls will be open from 6 AM - 9 PM.**
- ✓ **Get out the vote:** Remind 10 family members or friends that Election Day is coming. [Here's a sample script to encourage them:](#) "Have you made a plan to go vote in the elections on November 6th? Your vote has impact on issues like education, health care and the environment. Election outcomes determine your future, and that of your family and friends!"



Pinking Out, Powering Up, Speaking Up and Getting Out The Vote

To prepare for the many hurdles ahead, PPNC held its second annual Pink Out Power Up (POPU) Summit on July 10th to train and mobilize volunteers. Over two sessions, more than 75 participants joined us to learn how to effectively communicate their positions on reproductive rights and justice through storytelling, a technique widely used to move hearts and minds. During our trainings, PPNC staff led a discussion on how to powerfully craft one's story, as well as where and when stories can be told. At the end of this presentation, participants took turns sharing their stories with the group.

During the second half of the summit, PPNC shared details of its "Get-Out-the-Vote" campaign and taught attendees the mechanics of registering voters, a skill they could use at upcoming canvasses and other outreach events. Given the attacks on health care, rights, and the communities we serve, we know that civic engagement is incredibly important in protecting, preserving, and defending the rights we hold dear.

Indeed, we are making strides towards getting people to the polls on Election Day! To date, PPNC's army of volunteers have registered more than 200 voters and pledged more than 450 voters. We couldn't have achieved this without incredible activists and supporters like you! ⚡

Here's why some of our advocates – including our #1 advocate, our President & CEO, JoAnn – will be heading to the polls for the midterm elections:

"Together, we are powerful and unstoppable, and voting allows us to make our voices heard. Do your research, and vote your values on November 6th!"

-JOANN D. SMITH,
PRESIDENT & CEO, PPNC

"I'm voting because it is my civic duty as a citizen, and I want to ensure that the issues I care about are represented."

- ERICA CERCHIA,
ACTIVIST

"I vote because as a non-binary person, I am never acknowledged in conversations about reproductive justice and I deserve to be."

- LONI AMOR,
ACTIVIST



Activists (pictured above and below) during the 2018 POPU Summit.



Our activists "powered up" to get out the vote, spending the summer months following POPU registering and pledging voters, phone-banking, canvassing and more.

Men Love Planned Parenthood, Too.

Planned Parenthood may be best known as a women's health care provider, but what many people don't realize is that we also provide services and educational information for men!

**In 2017,
PPNC provided
more than 2,180
visits where male
patients received
STI testing and
treatment.**

In addition to women's reproductive health care services, thousands of male patients rely on PPNC each year for STI testing and treatment, cancer screenings, and HIV care – including our recently-launched service, the provision of PrEP, a medication that prevents HIV.

In fact, PPNC is recognized as a leader in HIV testing and treatment by the New York State Department of Health, and was recently awarded another grant to expand these efforts. As a part of our work on the cutting-edge of HIV care, in August, PPNC transitioned to Alere, a 4th Generation HIV test, which is the most current test available, allowing us to more quickly detect HIV and connect our patients to the care they both need and deserve.

PPNC also works to keep men safe and healthy through our education efforts. For example, in 2017, we provided male sexual health and empowerment workshops to more than 1,600 young men, during street outreach events, in community-based organizations and faith-based institutions, and in school districts across Nassau County. These workshops addressed male anatomy and physiology, testicular cancer awareness and detection, and family planning.

As you can see, PPNC is not only committed to keeping its doors open – but open to ALL patients. 



Hempstead Mayor, Don Ryan (far left), and Hempstead Board of Education Trustee, LaMont Johnson (far right), with PPNC's team, providing free HIV testing and counseling at Hempstead's Back to School Resource Bash.



Men "standing with PPNC" (and with PPNC's Comprehensive Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program Manager, Naomi Cunningham!) at PPNC's "Lot 540" event – read more about it on the next page.

Lots of Info at Lot 540 AND MORE

Not only does PPNC provide comprehensive reproductive health care in our health centers across Nassau County, but we also work to empower the young people in our communities through high-quality, evidence-based sexuality education. Towards this goal, PPNC's education team hit the ground running with innovative and informative programming and events to kick off the school year.

In fact, on September 14th, PPNC hosted one of its most unique events to engage local teens – our annual “Lot 540” health fair. Held in the parking lot of our Hempstead health center, this year’s Lot 540 was incredibly successful, with more than 35 teens attending to participate in activities and games, which were facilitated by our TAP Teens. The fair was bustling with a number of local restaurants sponsoring food and other community partners tabling with information.

Teens also had the opportunity to access reproductive health services throughout the event. As the fair ran concurrently with our Teen Clinic, teens had the chance to see a clinician inside our health center for screenings, testing, birth control and more. We also offered tours to help teens feel comfortable coming back to PPNC for services.

In addition to the Lot 540 kick off event, our education team also prepared for the new school year in other ways. Notably, we hired a new Sexuality Educator, Katiana Partis, whose fluency in Haitian-Creole further supports our work in the Westbury School District, where there is a growing Haitian-Creole population. *[Continued on next page]*

“I’m thrilled to join PPNC’s team – making our programs now available in Haitian-Creole. Every teen deserves to be equipped with the power of informed decision-making and the ability to take control of their reproductive health.”

- KATIANA PARTIS,
NEW SEXUALITY EDUCATOR



TAP Teen, Kellyne, facilitating an educational game at Lot 540!

“Lot 540 is just one of the many ways PPNC works to meet teens where they are – creating comfortable, teen-friendly spaces for youth to access reproductive health care services and information.”

- ZOËË DAVIDSON,
COORDINATOR OF EDUCATIONAL YOUTH INITIATIVES

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PPNC’s whole education and outreach team – including our incredible Teen Advocates.

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We are also excited to report that our education team is recognized beyond the classrooms of the schools in which we teach.

This summer, our Comprehensive Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program (CAPP) Manager, Naomi Cunningham, received the honor of being asked to serve as a committee member on the Nassau County Department of Human Services (NCDHS) Office of Youth Services Committee Review Board.

Recognized as a leader in youth health through her work at PPNC, Naomi was selected as an advising member on the Review Board for her valuable community development contributions to Nassau County. In this role, she will help guide the Office of Youth Services in their procurement and selection of community-based organization's applications for funding to provide and expand youth development services across the county.

Specifically, Naomi will work alongside top leadership from across the nonprofit sector to ensure that funding recipients are promoting wellbeing among the youth of Nassau County through community development in areas of self-esteem, citizenship and dignity, as well as physical, social and mental health. 



Naomi speaking on a recent girls health and wellness community panel.

"For a PPNC staff member to be recommended for this position of service is a great honor – we are so proud of Naomi. Every day, as our CAPP Manager, she is deeply committed to the betterment of the lives in our community, and her new role with the NCDHS Office of Youth Services only further represents this unwavering commitment."

– JOANN D. SMITH,
PRESIDENT & CEO, PPNC

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We couldn't be more thankful for your support – it's advocates, volunteers, activists and donors like you who keep our doors open.

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- [Unstoppable event at Thyme Restaurant](#)
- [Annual Fall Luncheon - Power of the People!](#)

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