

How we've been soldiering on in **THE FIGHT OF OUR LIVES**

Since March, Planned Parenthood (PP) has been facing unprecedented attacks from anti-women's health politicians in Washington who are seeking to strip Medicaid recipients from accessing the care they need and deserve from their provider of choice – Planned Parenthood. With these virulent assaults intent on shuttering our doors, PPNC's supporters and advocates stepped up like never before.

In the spring, on Pink Out Day, we turned our communities (and the Internet!) pink, showing the world that our army of Planned Parenthood activists is not going anywhere.

During the summer, PPNC hosted its first ever Pink Out Power Up (POPU) Summit, to train more than 100 supporters to become effective activists and volunteers. We are pleased to report that the event was a success, and that POPU became the catalyst for another resurgence of volunteerism. Today those attendees are our canvassers, phone-bankers, health center greeters, patient escorts and more.

We also joined affiliates across the country in hosting Pink the Night Out, where we phone-banked and rallied at our Hempstead health center to save access to health care.

To ensure our voices were heard loud and clear, we traveled to D.C. four times to demonstrate and meet with our representatives. There, we were not only joined by PP supporters from across the country, but also patient advocates and women's health champions in the Senate, including Elizabeth Warren, Nancy Pelosi, Patty Murray, Kamala Harris, Al Franken and many others.

Clearly, the war on women is not over, but with your help, PPNC will continue to fight!



PPNC teen advocates rallying at the capitol in June



Student activists at Pink the Night Out



Activists canvassing in D.C.

What we've been up to in our **HEALTH CENTERS**

In September, Planned Parenthood Federation of America received the Lasker-Bloomberg Public Service Award, one of the most prestigious prizes in medicine “for providing essential health services and reproductive care to millions of women [and men] for more than a century.” We feel proud to have received this recognition, as it is a symbol of the impact Planned Parenthood has had on people’s lives across the country.

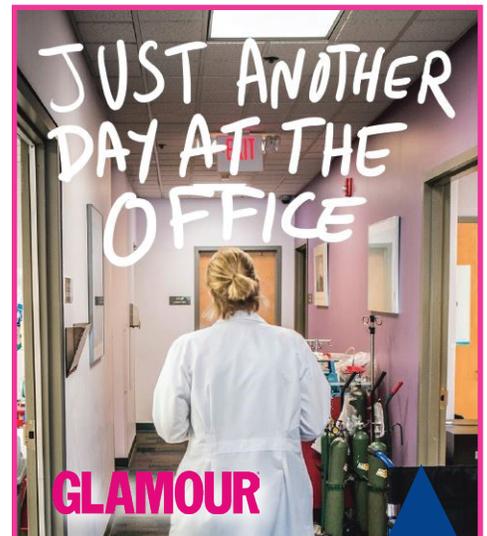
Locally, PPNC continues to provide high-quality, lifesaving care every day. In fact, recently, one of our remarkable clinicians, Jenna, provided this very type of care to her patient when she detected abnormalities during a routine breast screening appointment.

Because of this detection, and the patient’s lack of health insurance, Jenna counseled the patient about the need for further testing and helped connect her to both an oncologist, and information to access insurance. A few weeks later, Jenna heard back from the patient – she had been diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer.

The patient is now insured and getting treatment at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, and Jenna has continued to follow up with the patient, letting her know that she – and all of us at Planned Parenthood of Nassau County – truly cares.



PPFA President & CEO, Cecile Richards, accepting the Lasker Award



“To help a woman through such a difficult time in her life reminds me why I work for Planned Parenthood.”

Jenna Smith, PPNC Clinician

Nationally-distributed magazine, *Glamour*, featured PPNC in its September issue! The article captures the true familial essence of our health center staff and how we take care of one another, while taking care of our patients. [Click here to read PPNC's Glamour feature!](#)

“I’ve worked on many reproductive rights stories, and I’ve always been awestruck by the women (and men) who are on the front lines working to keep health care available for women.

I want to thank everyone at Planned Parenthood of Nassau County, particularly Julia, Tasheena, Kat, JB, Beth, Nancy and Maria. I am so thankful for the work you do every day, and thanks to all of you, our 20 million readers got to see another side of Planned Parenthood that sometimes gets lost in the heated political rhetoric. You show that this isn’t about politics; it’s about people, and the daily acts of kindness that help us all. I hope you know that Glamour has your back as you continue your vital work. ”

Wendy Naugle, Executive Editor at Glamour



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What we've been doing in our local **CLASSROOMS & COMMUNITIES**

While there have been continuous attacks on PP at large, there have also been targeted cuts to funding for comprehensive sex education across the country. We know that sex education is integral to one's health and well-being, and that rolling back education affects the futures of the young people in our communities. So, despite these cuts, our boots-on-the-ground educators have soldiered on, continuing to facilitate comprehensive workshops in classrooms, community centers and churches (and even in the PPNC waiting room during our Teen Clinic hours) on numerous sexual health topics.

For example, PPNC's educators continue to bridge the gap between education and access to care for young people in the school districts in which we provide comprehensive sexuality education. During the summer, Bilingual Sexuality Educator Zoeë Davidson led a powerful youth development series at Hempstead High School's summer school program, covering a range of topics, including: birth control; STDs and HIV; healthy relationships and consent; and self-esteem.



Bilingual Sexuality Educator Zoeë Davidson facilitating a community workshop

These workshops are proving effective, as we've seen that the more the students learn, the more they realize the value in the information, and the more they've approached educators like Zoeë to help them make an appointment at our Teen Clinic.

Over the past few months, we've seen consistent attendance and growth in our Teen Clinic numbers, which we attribute to these exact outreach and education efforts. With this level of increased interest and engagement in our weekly Teen Clinic, our Teen Advocates, known as TAP Teens, are able to provide additional peer-to-peer education in our health centers, undoubtedly making a difference.

We are also proud to share that in June, one of our outstanding graduating TAP Teens, Tiara (pictured above), received the Nassau County Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli Achievement Award for her work as a sexual health peer educator in our Teen Advocate Program.



Teen Advocate Graduate, Tiara Henry

For all these reasons and more, we continue to be embedded in our communities, providing teens with the information and health care they both need and deserve. Indeed, this school year's new cohort of TAP Teens has already hit the ground running to carry on this important work with PPNC's dedicated staff of educators.

RECENT EVENTS



Our 2017 Annual Fall Luncheon took place on Wednesday, November 1st, and Honored our Providers

With reproductive rights under attack and access to safe and legal abortion being stripped away across the country, the focus of this year's luncheon was especially relevant.

In acknowledgment of the critical services they deliver every day to thousands of patients, we recognized our amazing providers for all that they do.

Moreover, we were inspired and moved by keynote speaker and abortion provider, Dr. Willie Parker, who dedicates his life to providing services in the deep South, where access to abortion is severely limited.

To hear Dr. Parker's keynote speech, [click here!](#)

Our 2017 Annual Luncheon was truly a day to remember!



PPNC President & CEO JoAnn Smith, Board Chair Carol Markman, Medical Director Dr. Beth Schmidt, Luncheon Committee Co-Chair Bettina Clermont Saad, Keynote Speaker Dr. Willie Parker, and Luncheon Committee Co-Chair & Board Member Miranda Meyer



Dr. Willie Parker

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Join PPNC for our 2nd annual **TOUGH MUDDER TEAM!**

Show us your grit & perseverance by participating in a day of obstacle courses, team-building and fundraising.

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On an ongoing basis, PPNC provides volunteer and activist opportunities through our online form.

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