



## PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF GREATER TEXAS: November Connections

Welcome to the November 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.

### Transgender Health and Awareness Month

We offer trans-competent sexual healthcare and gender-affirming hormone therapy. Because y'all means all.  
All are welcome here.

# 100%

Planned Parenthood health center staff trained to provide inclusive healthcare and education to LGBTQ+ patients.

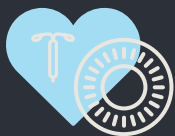
# 3,149

In 2020, 1,488 transgender patients received healthcare through 3,149 visits at Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas health centers.

# 2,475

In 2020, Planned Parenthood had 2,475 appointments for gender-affirming hormone therapy.

### 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.

### FREE CONDOMS - DELIVERED

Condoms are 98% effective at preventing pregnancy if they are used correctly every time. Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas is launching an initiative for eligible Travis County residents to get a free safer sex kit delivered to their door. Each kit contains condoms, dental dams, lubricant, and educational information.



### PATIENT NAVIGATOR OBSERVATIONS

Due to Texas' extreme abortion ban, patient navigation staff are now available to connect patients with resources needed to access abortion outside of Texas if they are banned from accessing an abortion. Since September 1, patient navigation staff have observed a significant uptick in "anticipatory abortion appointment" calls from patients who have just experienced a birth control failure or had unprotected sex and want to set an appointment immediately to confirm whether they are pregnant. These patients fear that they might not be able to schedule an appointment under Texas' extreme abortion ban limit. Patient navigation staff provide patients with information about emergency contraception, pregnancy test use and effectiveness, and answer any questions about Texas' abortion ban.

## TEXAS' NEW ABORTION BAN - WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Earlier this month, a federal District Judge in Austin issued a preliminary injunction in the Department of Justice's case against Texas' extreme abortion ban. This ruling meant that Texas' ban was temporarily blocked. But the victory was short lived. Two days later, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals granted the State's request for an emergency stay of the District Court's ruling, once again stripping access to abortion in Texas. For two days, our healthcare staff worked as quickly as possible to help patients access abortion care that had been banned. The Department of Justice has now taken this case to the Supreme Court to stand up for the right to abortion for all Texans. We are pursuing every legal avenue to overturn this unconstitutional ban, and we will never stop fighting for our shared vision of reproductive freedom for Texas.

### A NEWS CONNECTION

*Musicians, actors, and artists like Billie Eilish, Band of Horses, Phoebe Bridgers, Finneas, St. Vincent, Megan Thee Stallion, Jennifer Lawrence and more are speaking out against Texas' abortion ban.*



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## 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.

### TAKE ACTION

In uncertain times like this, Planned Parenthood health center staff is as committed to our patients as always. Send a message of support to our incredible staff who are on the frontlines providing patients with care.



Standing Together.  
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### GIVING TUESDAY





Giving Tuesday is a day dedicated to bringing Planned Parenthood supporters together. On Tuesday, November 30, let's come together to transform the communities we serve and help Planned Parenthood do even more good in those communities. Give, share, and show you care - support Planned Parenthood!

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### 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](mailto:shawn.wills@ppgt.org).

### Your gift of:

-  **\$1,050** reduces sexually transmitted infections through testing and treatment for seven patients
-  **\$650** offers two patients peace of mind with pre- (PrEP) or post- (PEP) exposure HIV preventive medication
-  **\$200** empowers one 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](mailto:development@ppgt.org).

