

Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas:

# February Connections

Welcome to the second edition of the 2022 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.



## HELPING PATIENTS ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS THROUGH BIRTH CONTROL ACCESS

There is a significant need for affordable birth control in Texas and our goal is to make sure our patients have the information and resources needed to prevent an unintended pregnancy. Planned Parenthood provides contraception to people who need it and with your help, we can provide services for more patients.

## FREE CONDOMS – DELIVERED

Condoms are 98% effective at preventing pregnancy if they are used correctly every time. In a medically underserved neighborhood in Travis County, Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas launched an initiative providing free safe sex kits delivered to the door upon request. Each kit contains resources to prevent unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections (STIs).



## A NEWS CONNECTION

Sarah Weddington, the reproductive rights champion who won Roe v. Wade, passed away in December. As a young Texas lawyer, she stood fearlessly before the U.S. Supreme Court generating the landmark abortion rights decision that changed the course of history and opened doors for the generations that followed.

## TEXAS ABORTION BAN – WHERE ARE WE NOW?

In January, the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals heard arguments about Texas' restrictive new abortion law. The Fifth Circuit, considered one of the most politically conservative circuit courts in the nation, considered whether our case should be sent to the Texas Supreme Court. Legal experts predict that this step could extend the appeals process by months, if not years, leaving Texas' extreme abortion ban in place and forcing Texans to leave Texas to access an abortion. We have asked the U.S. Supreme Court to instead send our case to a lower district court, however, the U.S. Supreme Court has not acted on our request.

**“For more than four months, Texans have been forced to carry unwanted pregnancies to term or flee the state to access constitutionally protected care. The Fifth Circuit has effectively shrugged in the face of this chaos.”**

**- Julie Murray, Senior Staff Attorney, Planned Parenthood Federation of America**



## PLANNED PARENTHOOD DIRECT

With Planned Parenthood Direct, our telemedicine app, patients can learn about different types of birth control and their effectiveness, and use their phone to get birth control pills, a contraception patch or ring 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week, with their birth control delivered to their home or nearby pharmacy. It's affordable (no insurance required), discreet, and super convenient.

**I Live Here  
I Give Here®**

# Amplify Austin

**Amplify Austin is March 2-3,  
6:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

**Go to our Amplify Austin page, and you  
can make your gift early to support  
Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas!**

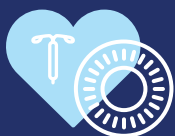
Visit: <https://www.amplifyatx.org/organizations/planned-parenthood-of-greater-texas>

## February is Birth Control Awareness Month

54% of pregnancies in Texas are unintended. 100% of birth control methods are available at Planned Parenthood, including: IUD, implants, injections, patch, ring, pills and condoms.

- **\$500** - Provides 17 patients with a month of birth control pills.
- **25,913** - As of November 2021, Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas prescribed 25,913 packs of birth control pills, enabling patients to take power over their reproductive health.
- **99%** - Long-acting, reversible methods of birth control like the IUD and implant offer 4-12 years of continuous coverage that are 99% effective at preventing pregnancy.
- **3,063** - We provided 3,063 long-acting reversible contraceptive methods to patients as of November 2021.

### 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.

"I called Planned Parenthood to see what financial options I had for birth control. Planned Parenthood gave me several options, including a financial screening. I qualified for financial assistance and had my birth control implant put in. I have never felt so cared for before in healthcare. Thank you Planned Parenthood for all you do."

- Cara, Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas patient

### TAKE ACTION

2022 is poised to be the most consequential year for abortion access in a generation. The right to decide our own futures is on the line - up and down the ballot - like never before. That's why we must register to vote and get out to vote, starting in the Primary Election:

• **Last Day to Register to Vote:**  
Monday, January 31, 2022

• **Early Voting:**  
Monday, February 14 - Friday, February 25, 2022

• **Election Day:**  
Tuesday, March 1, 2022

### WAYS TO GIVE

Would you like to continue supporting high-quality healthcare services and sex education programs for generations to come? Contact Shawn Wills, Chief Development Officer, at (214) 363-3505 or [shawn.wills@ppgt.org](mailto:shawn.wills@ppgt.org) if you want to learn how a legacy gift to Planned Parenthood can ensure your commitment to high-quality care for all continues.

### Your gift of:

- ▣ **\$1,000** provides one patient with a long-acting reversible contraceptive, preventing an unintended pregnancy
- ▣ **\$500** offers five patients peace of mind with emergency contraception and health education resources
- ▣ **\$100** keeps communities healthy through the distribution of 500 condoms
- ▣ **\$30** prevents unintended pregnancies through one month of birth control

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).

