

Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas:

# June Connections

Welcome to the June 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.



## LUBBOCK HEALTH CENTER AWARDED FEDERAL TITLE X FUNDS TO EXPAND ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE FOR UNINSURED PATIENTS

Texans: Our Lubbock Health Center received a new federal Title X grant to expand reproductive health care services for low-income and uninsured community members.

**"We're going to really have a chance to make sure that patients get the health care that they need regardless of their income status and regardless of whether they're insured."**

-Sarah Wheat,  
Chief External Affairs Officer, Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas

## SHOW YOUR PRIDE!

Planned Parenthood activists and supporters: join us to walk with Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas in our local Pride Parades this June! The parades are a great community event to support so many issues. Unite for the cause and bring your friends and family!

Dallas Pride Parade is taking place on Sunday, June 5, from 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM at Fair Park.

El Paso Sun City Pride Parade is taking place on Saturday, June 25 at 10:00 AM MT.

## TAKE ACTION

### Supreme Court Leak: Our Worst Fears Confirmed

Abortion is still legal. It's still your right. But the Supreme Court is prepared to end your constitutional right to abortion. Our country is facing an abortion access crisis. By this summer, 26 states could move to ban abortion – affecting 36 million women, plus more people who can become pregnant. This is personal.



## EL PASO WELCOMES SEX EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas has a new Community Health Educator on staff in El Paso. Sex education helps people gain the information and skills they need to make the best decisions for themselves about sexual health and relationships. Planned Parenthood provides age-appropriate, medically accurate sexual health education, in person and online, to more than 10,000 teens and parents annually across Central, East, North, and West Texas. We are thrilled to welcome our education team to El Paso.

## A NEWS CONNECTION

A leaked draft majority opinion from the U.S. Supreme Court in the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* case reveals plans to overturn the right to an abortion recognized in the *Roe v. Wade* ruling. In this draft Justice Samuel Alito wrote, "Roe was egregiously wrong from the start," and "we hold that Roe ... must be overruled." If this ruling is issued later this summer, a 50-year constitutional right to access abortion in the United States will be eliminated and more than half of the states are expected to quickly ban abortion including Texas.

Until then, abortion is still legal and Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas health centers in Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth and Waco are providing abortion care as allowable under Texas law.

**"This is a draft opinion. It's outrageous, it's unprecedented, but it's not final. Abortion is your right - and it's still legal."**

-Autumn Keiser, Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas spokesperson



## June Is LGBTQ+ Pride Month

For LGBTQ+ patients, non-judgmental, affordable healthcare is especially important. A survey by the National Center for Transgender Equality found that 22% of Texas respondents did not see a doctor when they needed to because of fear of being mistreated as a transgender person, and 38% did not see a doctor when needed because they could not afford it. Planned Parenthood is proud to stand with the LGBTQ+ community and provide a safe and compassionate place to get healthcare and information. All are welcome here.

# 3,541

PPGT provided 3,541 gender affirming hormone therapy visits in 2021

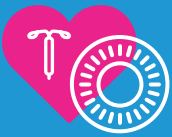
# 100%

100% of PPGT health centers offer PrEP/PEP HIV prevention medication and trans-competent reproductive healthcare

### WE OFFER ESSENTIAL CARE:

- ✓ All healthcare services provided at Planned Parenthood are available for LGBTQ+ patients
- ✓ Hormone therapy for transgender patients
- ✓ LGBTQ+-inclusive sex education
- ✓ Resources
- ✓ Referrals for community resources

### 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.



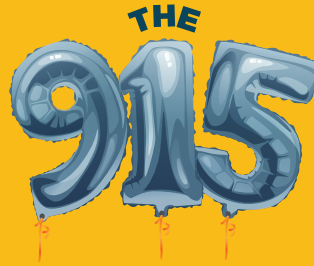
Lifesaving breast and cervical cancer screenings.

## MARGARITA MADNESS

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### MARGARITA MADNESS AND PLAN B FILM SCREENING

Thank you! You made Margarita Madness in Waco and the Plan B Film Screening in Austin a huge success for Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas' patients and programs! Your gifts support life-saving healthcare services and education programs throughout the Waco and Austin communities.



### Save the Date

**Thursday, September 8, 2022**  
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM MT

**Park Tavern, Second Floor**  
204 E Mills Ave, El Paso, TX 79901

### Co-Chairs

Michelle Cummings and Allison Glass

Join us for our inaugural event, where we'll gather with like-minded friends in El Paso for a fun evening to support Planned Parenthood's mission in the border region.

### 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** reduces the spread of sexually transmitted infections through testing and treatment for five patients
- **\$325** offers one patient 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).

