

Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas:

July Connections

Thank you for sharing in our 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. This edition features updates on the U.S. Supreme Court's devastating *Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health Organization* ruling that overturned *Roe v. Wade* and eliminated the right to an abortion.



THE U.S. SUPREME COURT'S OVERTURNING OF ROE V. WADE

Terrible and unconscionable: these are two of the words to describe the ruling that devastated the fundamental right to access an abortion.

We know what abortion bans look like: they force people to give birth, to travel hundreds of miles to another state to access an abortion if they can access time off work, childcare, transportation and funding to leave Texas or to go outside of the healthcare system to terminate a pregnancy. Abortion bans disproportionately affect vulnerable, underserved, and marginalized Texans, putting people's health, lives and futures at risk.

What is next? Planned Parenthood has been here for our patients in Texas for more than 85 years. We're not going anywhere.



HEALTHCARE: OUR DOORS ARE OPEN

Our health center doors are open and we continue to provide essential healthcare which is more important than ever. Healthcare includes birth control, annual exams, breast and cervical cancer screenings, STI testing and treatment, PEP and PrEP HIV prevention medication, and other essential healthcare services. Birth control is a priority as we have seen an increase in requests for IUDs and implants from Texans seeking affordable and effective contraception. Empowerment kits (pictured) containing emergency contraception, early detection pregnancy tests, condoms, information on abortion, and a voter registration card are provided to every patient to take home at no cost.

Abortion is important, essential healthcare. We will continue to provide the information that patients need to access abortion services. We'll be here today and for decades to come, providing care to the patients who count on us.



TAKE ACTION: WE WON'T GO BACK

We believe your body is your own. You and only you should control your personal medical decisions. No politicians, no bans, and no court ruling should interfere in your ability to access abortion. We are fired up and ready.



EDUCATION: MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER

Sex education is now more important than ever, and Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas' health educators are reaching Texas pre-teens and teens through summer workshops.

Research shows that culturally responsive, LGBTQ+ inclusive sex education helps young people develop skills to become caring and empathetic adults. This kind of sex education helps prevent dating and intimate partner violence by supporting healthy relationships, improved social and emotional learning, and increased media literacy. It also helps young people avoid STIs and unintended pregnancies.

That's why Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas' workshops are designed for pre-teens (4th and 5th grade), middle schoolers (6th-8th grade), and high schoolers (9th-12th grade) to access medically accurate, age-appropriate information about their sexual health. Workshops are free and implemented by Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas' health educators. Please reach out with questions to healtheducation@ppgt.org.



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 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.

