



## SEPTEMBER 2023 CONNECTIONS

Welcome to the Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas monthly newsletter. As a member of our community, we would like to share the latest updates on the work at Planned Parenthood. We have also included important action alerts and upcoming events.

### TAKE ACTION

Once again, powerful politicians are targeting Planned Parenthood and the patients we serve in Texas--this time, a meritless lawsuit by impeached Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, the State of Texas, and an anonymous "John Doe" plaintiff. Not stopping after the statewide abortion ban in Texas, state politicians are targeting Planned Parenthood and the sexual and reproductive healthcare that patients count on. A \$1.8 billion lawsuit filed against three Texas Planned Parenthood affiliates and Planned Parenthood Federation of America is based on false allegations that Planned Parenthood health centers defrauded the state's Medicaid system. This lawsuit is the latest in the on-going campaign to try to shut down Planned Parenthood and affordable healthcare options for Texans.

**The facts are clear: Planned Parenthood did nothing wrong and did not commit Medicaid fraud.**

**Tell Texas Governor Greg Abbott and Attorney General Ken Paxton to drop this politically-motivated lawsuit and end their attack on Planned Parenthood and our patients.**



### EDUCATION

Summer is an important time to offer educational programming and reach students with one day and week-long programs--think summer camp but for health and sex education! This year, Planned Parenthood's educators hosted sex ed summer camps for 4th to 12th graders in-person and online. These workshops are designed to provide young people with information to understand their bodies and make informed choices to protect their health. Middle and high school students attended a 4-session series that included engaging activities about communication skills, healthy relationships, abstinence, sexual identity, gender, birth control, sexually transmitted infections and more. 4th and 5th grade students participated in a half-day "puberty party" where they learned age-appropriate, medically accurate information and skills to navigate the big, wide world of growing up. Parents can attend workshops, like Talk First!, to develop communication strategies to support their children as they head into teen years and young adulthood.

### A NEWS CONNECTION

**Travis County District Judge Jessica Mangrum ruled Texas' abortion ban harms women with pregnancy complications.**

Judge Mangrum's recent ruling was the first to address Texas' statewide abortion ban since it took effect in 2022 and delivers a major victory to abortion rights supporters and anyone concerned about women being able to protect their health, especially during a pregnancy. However, the Texas attorney general's office filed an appeal with the Texas Supreme Court so the extreme ban on abortions in Texas is back in place.

Under the law in Texas, doctors who perform abortions risk life in prison and fines of up to \$100,000. Due to the vague wording of Texas' abortion ban, some providers and doctors are unwilling to even discuss abortion options with pregnant patients with serious health risks.

### EL PASO FUNDRAISING EVENT

**Wednesday, September 6, 2023**  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Co-Chairs:**  
Anna Aleman and Cathi Banda

**El Paso location available upon RSVP**

*Scan QR code for more information*



### AUSTIN EVENT

**Thursday, September 28, 2023**  
The Long Center for the Performing Arts,  
H-E-B Terrace and Lawn

**Co-Chairs**  
Perla Cavazos and Celeste Quesada

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### A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS



## Midlife Care Matters

Planned Parenthood is a trusted resource for patients navigating menopause symptoms. Your support helps our patients access the care they need, ensuring appointments are available at Planned Parenthood for midlife care services including annual exams, perimenopausal and menopausal care, and hormone replacement therapy.

### Our most common services provided are:



Birth control to help patients plan and space their pregnancies.



Testing and treatment for STIs, HIV tests, and HIV prevention medication.



Lifesaving breast and cervical cancer screenings.

## HIGHLIGHTING HEALTHCARE SERVICES IN EAST TEXAS

To better connect with our communities and patients in Tyler and the surrounding area, Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas shares a new local campaign about our reproductive healthcare services in the East Texas region. Billboards in Tyler and Longview and social media outreach connects Texans in Kilgore, Jacksonville, Henderson, Athens, Palestine, Marshall, and Sulphur Springs with the healthcare services we provide through telemedicine and in our Tyler health center. Updates about healthcare services are featured in radio spots on IHeart Radio, Spotify, and other radio outlets. Our communities and patients in East Texas deserve access to the compassionate, high quality reproductive care Planned Parenthood provides.



Updated billboard in Tyler, TX

## WAYS TO GIVE

Let us continue supporting high-quality healthcare services and sex education programs. Please get in touch with us today at [development@ppgt.org](mailto:development@ppgt.org) or 214-254-3017 to learn how a legacy gift to Planned Parenthood can ensure commitment to high-quality care for all continues for generations ahead.

### With your gift to Planned Parenthood, our community benefits from:

- Access to midlife healthcare exams
- Breast and cervical cancer screening
- Osteoporosis assessments and treatment

## EL PASO GIVING DAY 2023

El Paso Giving Day is on **October 19**.  
Early giving starts **October 12!**

## NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY 2023

North Texas Giving Day is on  
**September 21, 6:00 AM - Midnight**.  
Early giving starts **September 1st**.

### What's the difference between giving to Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas and Planned Parenthood Federation of America?

When you donate directly to Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas, 100% of your gift supports local healthcare and sex education services across Central, East, North, and West Texas.



When you donate to the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, a portion of your gift supports local services, as well as national advocacy and sex education efforts.



If you have a question, want to learn more, or want to get involved, please get in touch with the Development Office at (214) 254-3017 or [development@ppgt.org](mailto:development@ppgt.org).

