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Fighting for a Better Tomorrow

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Providing Care in a Dangerous State

Ensuring Access to Care for All and Fighting for a Better Tomorrow

This past year we faced serious challenges in a dangerous, unpredictable state. But together, we persevered with resilience. We extinguished each fire set on our path towards a better tomorrow.

The Supreme Court of the United States stripped us of our rights when they incinerated *Roe v. Wade* on June 24, 2022. Hours later, the Ohio Supreme Court enacted a six-week abortion ban, depriving Ohioans of their right to access care. The opposition did everything they could to threaten our work and prevent our patients from receiving the care they deserve.

But thanks to our community, we gathered our collective power and defiantly said, "We're never going back." We protected and expanded access to high-quality, compassionate care and inclusive, fact-based sexuality education.

From the ashes of *Roe v. Wade*, we are forging the future of our dreams, a future where Ohioans' reproductive rights are protected. As a result of last year's work, Ohio voters passed Issue 1 this November 2023 and enshrined reproductive freedom into the Ohio Constitution. While this historic victory occurred after the timeframe of this report, the efforts made in 2022-2023 paved the way for the success of Issue 1.

Your support carried us through the firestorm and prepared us to win the fight of our lives. Now, it's time to begin building a future where everyone has access to the care and resources they need to live an empowered, fulfilling life.

A Word From Our Leadership:

Last year, under the leadership of former President and CEO, Iris E. Harvey, Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio (PPGOH) provided care in a dangerous state and reimagined what was possible for the communities we serve. With the support of **our team members, patients, donors, and volunteers**, we provided care while implementing bold solutions and achieving many victories.

Within this report, you'll find a review of the past year – what barriers we overcame and what we accomplished, together. From protecting reproductive care by mobilizing our community to safely navigating abortion care patients and more, you ensured our patients received the care they needed and deserved.

It is with deepest gratitude that we thank you for showing up for Ohioans and setting the stage for a better tomorrow. We are honored to have had you by our side and with us as we continue to build a bright future.



Erica Wilson-Domer
President and CEO,
as of July 2023

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*Transitioned out of the organization during fiscal year 2023.

**Retired at the end of fiscal year 2023.

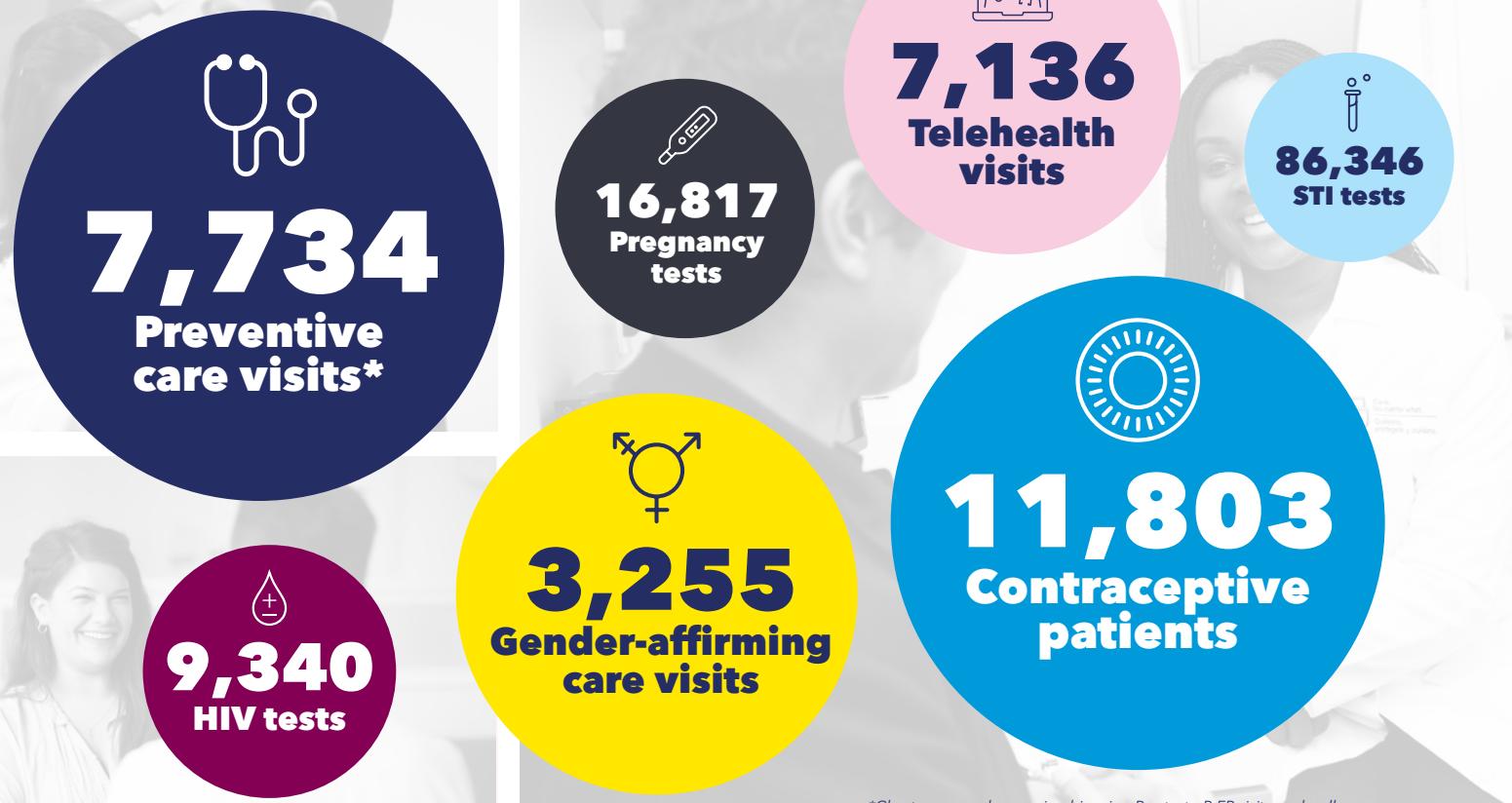
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VICTORY #1

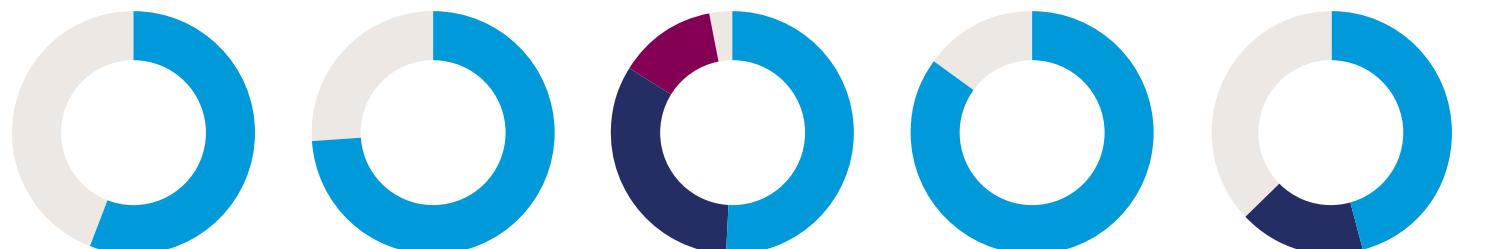
WE PROVIDED CARE, NO MATTER WHAT

Last year, we provided care in a dangerous, unpredictable state. With your support, we overcame barriers and built a path forward to ensure everyone has access to the care they deserve. You helped us provide care to **47,480 patients** over **66,709 visits** at our **15 health centers** and **two surgical centers**.

Health Care by the Numbers



Our Patient Base



*Patients with Medicaid met certain eligibility criteria like having a disability or earning less than the Federal Poverty Guidelines (\$20,120 per year for an individual).

**Those who self-pay are often uninsured or do not wish their primary insurance holder to know about their care for privacy or safety reasons.

Expanded Gender-Affirming Care Across the State

As part of our commitment to helping our transgender, nonbinary, and gender nonconforming patients become their most authentic and complete selves, we continued expanding our gender-affirming care by launching these services at our Toledo Health Center in May. We also began offering follow-up gender-affirming hormone therapy visits through telehealth to give our patients back more of their time and remove barriers like taking time off work, navigating transportation, and coordinating childcare.

To continue increasing access to this lifesaving care, we laid the groundwork to launch gender-affirming care at all 15 of our health centers by the end of 2023.

Ensured Access to Care for All

The unfortunate reality is that health care is out of reach for many folks often because of its cost. Most of our patients live on low incomes and rely on Medicaid or pay out of pocket for care. In April 2023, when Medicaid's pandemic-era continuous enrollment policy came to an end, people's access to care was further jeopardized. Almost 200,000 Ohioans were at risk of losing their coverage.

We continued to offer high-quality, compassionate care to patients regardless of their insurance status or income. Thanks to our re-enrollment in the Title X program under the current presidential administration, and with your support, we offered patients with low incomes a variety of payment options. We ensured their care was affordable and that they were able to get the care they deserved.



Eased Uncertainty With Contraception

After the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* and the enactment of Ohio's six-week abortion ban, Ohioans quickly began to feel the uncertainty of a future without reproductive health protections. Because of this cruel reality, we saw a 40% increase in requests for long-acting reversible contraception (LARCs), like intrauterine devices (IUDs).

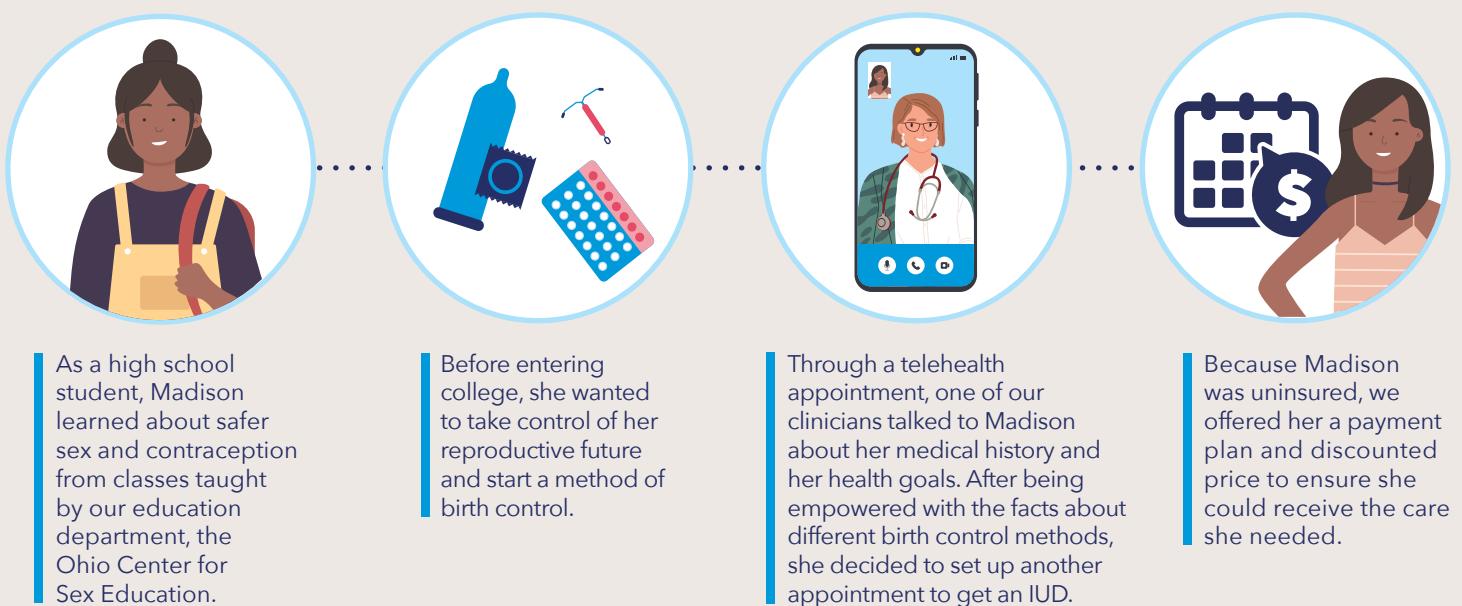
Your support allowed us to meet the needs of our patients by easing their anxiety with access to contraception. We provided LARCs to patients through 3,016 visits last year.

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I had a wonderful experience and feel confident that I am educated on my chosen method of birth control.

- Mansfield Health Center Patient

CONTRACEPTION CARE WITH US



VICTORY #2

WE TOOK ACTION TO PROTECT & EXPAND ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND MOBILIZE COMMUNITY ADVOCATES

Without the protections of *Roe*, we endured the fight of our life to **ensure access to reproductive health care here in Ohio**. Our friends at Planned Parenthood Advocates of Ohio (PPAO) worked to combat unjust legislation while laying the groundwork for a historical effort to **enshrine reproductive health care into the Ohio Constitution**.

Advocacy by the Numbers



ABORTION CARE PATIENT ADVOCATES FOR REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM



When Joyce needed an abortion in her 20s, she turned to Planned Parenthood for care.



Now, she volunteers with PPAO to ensure everyone has access to care like she had.



Joyce worked to collect petition signatures for "The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety" ballot initiative to ensure the constitutional amendment was put before voters.



To build community as well as bust stigma, she continues to share her care journey as an abortion storyteller.

Built Community Across the State

During a year of uncertainty and legal battles, our community of supporters radiated hope and strengthened our fight. To grow our powerful community, PPAO hosted events and volunteer opportunities across Ohio to mobilize reproductive rights advocates.

They led rallies throughout the year as an opportunity for folks to gather and hear from abortion storytellers, partners, patient advocates, and state representatives. Volunteers joined PPAO in making over 300 abortion patient care kits which were delivered to our surgical centers. PPAO also volunteered at Pride events throughout the state to engage with the community, mobilize supporters, and provide empowering resources.



Supported PPAO in Their Launch of Ohioans for Reproductive Freedom

The Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* pulled us into a historic battle for our rights. But instead of sorrow, we felt a mounting sense of opportunity because we knew that *Roe* was always the floor, not the ceiling. We proudly supported PPAO as they helped launch the Ohioans for Reproductive Freedom coalition in December 2022 with the mission to enshrine reproductive freedom into the state constitution.

The coalition wrote "The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety" constitutional amendment, received approval by the Ohio Ballot Board, defended unjust litigation against the amendment at the Ohio Supreme Court, and then took on the herculean effort to collect over 700,000 signatures needed to place the amendment on the November 2023 ballot*.

*"The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety" constitutional amendment, also known as Issue 1, was passed by Ohio voters on November 7, 2023, and enshrined into the constitution on December 7, 2023.

Defended Abortion Access Through Legal Action

We worked to restore abortion access in 2022 after Ohio enacted Senate Bill 23, a law banning abortion at approximately six weeks of pregnancy. Alongside other reproductive rights partners, we filed an appeal against Senate Bill 23 in September 2022. A temporary restraining order was issued by a Hamilton County judge on September 14, 2022, which allowed abortion services to resume throughout the state. After almost three months under Ohio's six-week abortion ban, we resumed abortion care at our Bedford Heights Surgical Center on September 16, 2022 and East Columbus Surgical Center on September 19, 2022. On October 7, 2022, that same Hamilton County judge granted the request from the partners for a preliminary injunction to keep the block on Senate Bill 23 in place indefinitely as litigation continued.

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We've seen when the American people are given the chance, they vote for their bodies, for their lives and for their futures, they vote to protect abortion.

- Lauren Blauvelt, Vice President of Government Affairs and Public Advocacy at PPAO

VICTORY #3

WE ENSURED OUR PATIENTS COULD ACCESS SAFE, LEGAL ABORTION CARE

Patient Navigation by the Numbers



SUPPORTED PATIENTS' ACCESS TO ABORTION CARE

Abortion Care While the Six-Week Ban was Enacted

Learn how our Abortion Patient Navigator, Emily, helped patients access care.



Morgan, a mom of two young children, realized she was pregnant. She and her husband decided it wasn't the right time to grow their family.



Morgan visited her local PPGOH health center, where her care team estimated she was five weeks pregnant. Ohio's six-week ban meant she had to receive abortion care immediately.



Emily set up two appointments for Morgan to receive care at a PPGOH Surgical Center. (Ohio's 24-hr waiting restriction requires a patient to have two appointments to receive care.)

In the months following the enactment of the six-week abortion ban last year, our Abortion Patient Navigators helped **hundreds of Ohioans** travel out of state to get the care they needed. Then, when the six-week ban was blocked, they continued supporting patients who sought care here in Ohio. We prioritized ensuring access to this care and supporting anyone who needed us – **no matter what**.

Navigated Patients to Safe, Legal Abortion Care

Following Ohio's enactment of the six-week abortion ban, we took every measure to ensure everyone got the care they needed. Our providers and Patient Navigators were ready to serve those still eligible to receive abortion care within Ohio under the tight restrictions. And, when a patient's pregnancy passed six weeks, we worked tirelessly to help them travel out of state to access care. So many people were counting on us, and we showed up. Our efforts were further amplified thanks to Columbus City Council's commitment of \$500,000 to our organization in support of abortion access services.

Then, after the court blocked the six-week ban indefinitely last October, we celebrated and braced for all outcomes. This included the possibility of becoming an access state for abortion care as neighboring states passed their own bans. We created the Patient Support Fund and our generous supporters invested \$477,919 to help pay for patients' pregnancy evaluation and assessment services, childcare, transportation, lodging, food, and more – whether our patients received care with us in Ohio or elsewhere.

Escorted Patients to Empowered Care

Protestors often crowded outside of our health centers to scare patients and prevent them from accessing health care. But we are committed to helping our patients feel comfortable and safe. That's made possible, in part, thanks to our clinic escorts. These escorts are volunteers and members from the communities we serve. They are dedicated to our mission and positively influence our patients' experience. Last year, as always, they greeted our patients with compassion and guided them through our health center doors while shielding them from protestors' harassment.

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My decision to volunteer came from a desire to fight back against protestors who decided to show up and impose their beliefs on our patients. All patients deserve the right to privacy and respect when it comes to their health care decisions.

- PPGOH Clinic Escort



The ultrasound at Morgan's first appointment indicated she was eligible to receive abortion care. But when she returned for the procedure the next day, her final ultrasound showed the pregnancy had advanced enough to make her ineligible to receive care under Ohio's six-week ban.



Morgan and her husband were devastated that one day made the difference between receiving care or being forced to travel out of Ohio for care.



Emily quickly helped them make an appointment with a provider in Pennsylvania. She helped them secure overnight childcare, and she worked with an abortion fund to provide financial support for gas, lodging, and food.



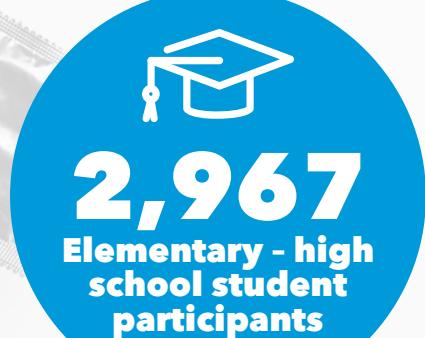
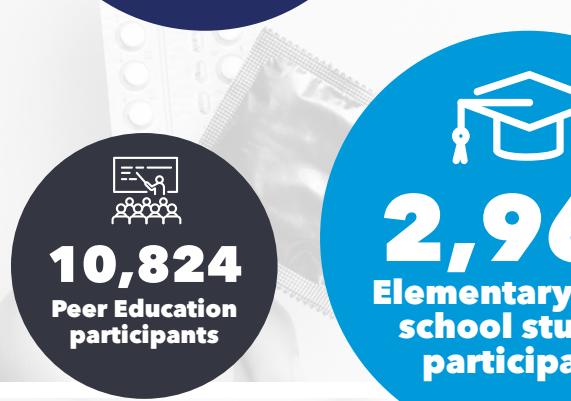
After Morgan's appointment, Emily checked in to see how she was doing and if she needed any further care or resources.

VICTORY #4

WE EMPOWERED OUR COMMUNITIES TO TAKE CONTROL OF THEIR REPRODUCTIVE FUTURES THROUGH EDUCATION

As Ohio carried on with being downright hostile towards sexual health education, enacting legislation meant to keep it out of schools, our education department, the Ohio Center for Sex Education (OCSE), served as **the largest, most trusted source of sex education in the state**. We ensured Ohioans had accessible sexuality education to empower them to take charge of their bodies, lives, and futures.

Sexuality Education by the Numbers



Provided Sexuality Education Across Ohio Through Community Partnerships

Ohio is the only state in the nation without a standard curriculum for health education. This leaves schools to fall back on inaccurate resources and creates gaps in knowledge for students. Gaps which can lead to unintended pregnancy and rising STI rates in our youth. The OCSE worked to fill this harmful gap with evidence-based, inclusive sex education which is supported by our generous funders and community partners.

Last year, the OCSE partnered with over 90 organizations throughout Ohio to provide sexuality education which empowers people to make informed sexual health decisions, reduces unintended pregnancy among teens, and helps prevent infant mortality. From the Ohio State University to the cities of Cleveland and Columbus to the Summit County Juvenile Court and more, the OCSE ensured access to education through powerful partnerships.

Completed Second Year of the YES! (Youth Empowerment Skills) Program

This eight-week program combined comprehensive sexual health education with life skills training for people ages 14-19, thanks to a partnership with the City of Columbus CelebrateOne initiative and Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Prevented Unintended Pregnancies and the Spread of STIs

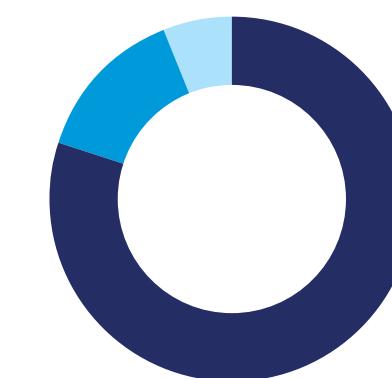
Through the OCSE's age-appropriate sexuality education, students across the state were provided with knowledge and resources to prevent sexual abuse, unintended pregnancy, and the spread of sexually transmitted infections. This education is available through several different innovative programs, like the Peer Education Program. The Peer Education Program is a year-long, peer-to-peer sexual health education and leadership program that equips students aged 14-19 with the training and tools needed to serve as a trusted sexuality education resource within their community.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Support and Other Revenue



Expenses



THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

In a year of so many unpredictable challenges and dangerous legislation, we ensured access to care and fought towards a better tomorrow thanks to you: our community of dedicated supporters. Every one of you, from donors to volunteers to patients, plays a momentous role in the empowered reproductive health care and sexuality education we provide to communities across Ohio. Our achievements this past year were the result of your steadfast, generous support. We are so proud to be in this together with you.



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