

FALL 2015

CHOICE Remarks

GALA Details

Friday, October 2
Hilton Garden Inn in Troy

Tickets available online
at uhpp.org and www.uhppgala.eventbrite.com

The Giraffe Award and
Guest: Kathleen Turner

Three local awardees (see
reverse)

Hosted by WNYT 13 News
anchor, Benita Zahn, PhD.

Event to Raise Vital Funds for UHPP with Special Guest Kathleen Turner

Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood is thrilled to award actress Kathleen Turner the 2015 Giraffe Award for sticking her neck out for reproductive justice and choice.

Turner, an Oscar-nominated movie and stage actor, grew up as the daughter of a U.S. ambassador. As a college student in Missouri, she went to a local Planned Parenthood health center for information about contraception beginning a lifelong association with our organization.

Turner has garnered critical acclaim for her performances in various movies including *Body Heat*, for which she was nominated for a Golden Globe; *Romancing The Stone* and *Prizzi's Honor*, which earned her a Golden Globe Award for each; *Peggy Sue Got Married*, which brought Turner both an Academy Award nomination and a Golden Globe nomination; and *War of the Roses*, and yet another Golden Globe nomination.



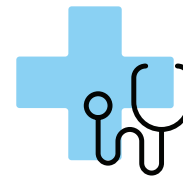
Funds from this event will support



Testing and
treatment for
STDs



Pap tests and
breast exams



Birth control
information and
services

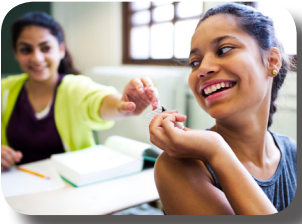
VIDEO SMEAR CAMPAIGN: The Threat Environment Continues

WHAT HAPPENED? A well funded group created a series of highly edited videos targeting Planned Parenthood. The video content centers around fetal tissue donation, a small but important program of a few Planned Parenthood affiliates. The videos are cut and edited to create the appearance of seamless conversations to support false claims and the "quotes" were published by mainstream media as if they were real. Read more at: istandwithpp.org.

WHY? The smear campaign is intended to deceive the public and conceal some simple truths: fetal tissue donation is a very important but very small area of work for Planned Parenthood affiliates (in just two states), that we follow all laws and medical standards, and that there is no financial incentive or profit for fetal tissue donation. **The real agenda behind these attacks is to ban abortion and restrict women's access to reproductive health care at Planned Parenthood – an extreme agenda that the public soundly rejects.**

HOW CAN YOU HELP? In the midst of the current, unprecedented attacks on Planned Parenthood and our patients, we need your support more than ever. **Make a donation today to affirm your commitment to safe and accessible healthcare, honest education and fearless advocacy!**

Because you support Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood



"I am a new college student in the area, and I wanted to be safe and make good choices about my health. I came to Planned Parenthood because the college I attend does not offer contraceptives to students. I am glad Planned Parenthood was there to fill that gap, and were even able to offer me a rate that was considerably less than other providers I have seen. I got low cost birth control pills, and was able to get a pelvic exam." *Anonymous patient*

"I am in my late 20s and I have never had a pelvic exam. I had a lot of fear about getting it done. The people at Planned Parenthood made it so comfortable for me. They talked to me ahead of time to prepare me and were non-judgmental about why I had waited to have one. I now regularly get my care at Planned Parenthood." *Anonymous patient*

UHPP To Honor Local Leaders in Reproductive Health and Justice at the Legacy for Choice Gala

UHPP is excited to honor local people who have helped us fulfill our mission of exceptional services, honest education and fearless advocacy at this year's Legacy of Choice Gala.

The Birds and the Bees Award: Elizabeth Lopatniuk



As a teacher, Liz has been instrumental in Planned Parenthood's evidence-based education programs in the Albany School District which helps reduce risks and promote healthy sexual behaviors in teens. Her strong commitment to meeting the needs of hundreds of students each year has provided them with skills to last them a life-time.

The Owl Award: Jeanette Johnson



Jeanette has been strongly committed to empowering women in Columbia County by ensuring they can access accurate, nonjudgmental information and health services. Building on her years of experience in health care, and her dedication to the people of Hudson, her work with the Women's Health Project has enabled countless women and men to access essential health services that they may have otherwise gone without.



The Leadership Award: Christa Christakis

For years, Christa has served on and led UHPP's Board of Directors through thick and thin, to ensure a strong, healthy agency that will serve our patients with quality health care and education services for decades to come. As Board Chair, her sound leadership and countless hours of dedication, Christa has insured Planned Parenthood's ability to guarantee access to high-quality affordable health care.

Make a donation today to show that you Stand With Planned Parenthood!



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