

Quarterly Newsletter **March 2021**

SAN FRANCISCO FLAGSHIP HEALTH CENTER

We are open!

We are thrilled to announce our new facility is now open offering comprehensive sexual and reproductive health care, including birth control, cancer screenings, pregnancy testing and counseling, STI testing and treatment, including HIV, PEP and PrEP medications to prevent HIV infection, HPV vaccines, infertility services, and abortion.

Expanded services at this new location include:

- Vasectomy
- Expanded abortion care
- Mental health services (i.e. individual counseling).







LETTER FROM OUR CEO

Dear Friend,

We are proud that after a six-year journey, support from 877 donors, and hard work of countless partners and staff, our SF Flagship health center started serving patients on March 9, 2021. The Flagship symbolizes our resiliency to overcome any challenges in pursuit of expanding sexual reproductive health care access. This new site is a love letter to our patients - we care for you and we are here for you, no matter what!

We are humbled by the overwhelming support received to make this dream a reality. This leading-edge space offers countless possibilities and we look forward to exploring each of them. We thank you and pledge to fulfill our commitment to strengthen Planned Parenthood Northern California's capacity to serve future generations to come.

Lastly, preventing COVID-19 remains a top priority. We continue to maintain all safety protocols throughout our health centers and other facilities. A vast majority of our workforce has received their vaccinations so we're prepared to continue serving our patients without disruption.

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With gratitude,

Gilda GonzalesPresident and CEO

Planned Parenthood Northern California

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STRONGER & HEALTHIER TOGETHER



A VIRTUAL EVENT | MAY 1, 2021 6PM

Save the Date!

Save the date for PPNorCal's *first ever* virtual fundraising event, **Stronger and Healthier Together!**

On May 1st, we will bring together all corners of our affiliate for a night of celebration and appreciation for our frontline health center staff.

Ticket sales coming soon.

Sponsorship opportunities available now!

Contact Kat McLaughlin at kmclaughlin@ppnorcal.org or <u>click here</u> to secure your Sponsorship.



HIGHLIGHTS

The 48th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

To commemorate the 48th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, we hosted a virtual conversation to discuss the challenges to abortion access in the U.S. and California. We were joined by expert guests, Helene T. Krasnoff, VP of Public Policy Litigation & Law at Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) and Lisa Matsubara, General Counsel and VP of Policy at Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California (PPAC). The conversation examined the extensive abortion restrictions that have already rendered Roe nearly meaningless in some areas of the country. With the former administration's appointment of over 200 conservative federal judges and a solidly conservative majority Supreme Court, the conversation illustrated the ongoing threats to the future of reproductive rights. With the new administration now in office, we have hope for change.

We then heard a California-focused presentation. Even though California has made great strides in supporting and advancing reproductive health care, we were reminded that for many low-income individuals access to care is still a challenge. Many Californians must travel over four hours to access abortion services and procedures can still be too expensive. Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California (PPAC) is committed to increasing abortion accessibility in California in 2021 and beyond. We will continue fighting for equitable access for all.



Do you feel motivated to join the fight to address barriers to abortion in Northern California?

HIGHLIGHTS

The Safe Haven Campaign

Our Safe Haven Campaign strives to build our infrastructure to expand care across our region, securing a safe haven for our patients.

With the goal of raising \$2MM by January 2022, this campaign focuses on three key areas to cement PPNorCal as a strong, sustainable health care provider at the forefront of the reproductive access movement.



Highlight: Securing the Safe Haven - Patient Centered Support

PPNorCal will secure a Safe Haven for anyone coming to us for care - from within our region. As other states continue to erode abortion access, we will be a sustainable and robust force for reproductive health. We know rural Californians face extreme barriers when accessing care, such as abortion at 14 weeks+ or advanced cervical cancer treatment, with travel times of 4 hours or more. This presents a hardship for many of our patients including those who are hourly workers or affected by low or lost wages, childcare costs, transportation costs, or lack of overnight shelter. We seek to support our patients by providing stipends that directly offset financial burdens during their health care journey. We will also invest in technology infrastructure to offer expanded telehealth to our patients to reduce the burden of long-distance travel. Financial hardship is a primary reason that patients delay or deny health care.

Today, with record-high unemployment rates and economic instability, our patients' needs are increasing. As a safety net health care provider, our patients need us now. Your ongoing support will allow us to continue to address this critical need in rural Northern California.

Text PPGIVE to 41444 or click here to donate now.

Solano County Case Management

Case Managers at Planned Parenthood Northern California help adults and pregnant or parenting young people. We assess their needs to coordinate services for them and support them as they develop life skills to become more self-sufficient. Support services range from: help to complete their education, access to health care, classes on pregnancy, childbirth and parenting, support to identify and report abuse, and other resources for developing life skills.

We offer the following for pregnant or parenting teens and adult women:

Cal-Learn Program in Solano County

The Cal-Learn program helps pregnant and parenting youth to attend and graduate from high school or its equivalent. This ambitious effort consists of three coordinated services designed to help teens become self-sufficient adults and responsible parents:



- Intensive case management services assist teen parents to obtain education, health and social services;
- Payments for necessary child care, transportation and educational expenses enable pregnant/parenting teens to attend school;
- Bonuses and sanctions encourage school attendance and good grades.

Other services:

HIV Case Management and Housing Assistance in Solano County

Planned Parenthood Northern California's HIV Case Management Program in Solano County provides free, specialized, culturally sensitive case management and housing services for high risk, low-income people infected with HIV/AIDS and their families.

"My name is Mario and I've lived and worked in Vallejo since 2004. In 2005, I was diagnosed with HIV/ AIDS and that drastically changed my life, three years ago I started having many medical issues that compromised my housing and my wellbeing, one of the case managers, Mrs. Deborah, and her team at Planned Parenthood not only managed my case and made sure that I was under doctor's care, they made sure that I was not ending up homeless. I have to say that I am so happy that Mrs. Deborah and her team are making sure that patients like myself survive, especially in times like these. Thank you!"



WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE WHEN I GIVE?

Planned Parenthood Northern California and Planned Parenthood Federation of America

We are often asked what happens when you give to Planned Parenthood Northern California versus the Federation.

We wanted to share with you the following guide to avoid any possible confusion.

If you want to give to <u>Planned Parenthood Northern California</u> directly, and have all of your gift go to local health care and education services to better the lives of people across 20 counties in Northern California...

Then you need to go to our affiliate website (support.ppnorcal.org) where 100% of your donation is directed to services right here, in Northern California.

If you go to Planned Parenthood Federation of America's national website...

Approximately 50% of your gift will support health services and education here in Northern California and the other 50% of your gift will support national advocacy and education efforts.

Two ways to support our mission to protect health care, education, and justice. No matter what!



Support Planned Parenthood Northern California! Make an appointment online, connect to community, and get involved!



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Regional Offices: