

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 you make possible at Planned Parenthood.



CONNECTIONS

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

STI AWARENESS: OUR SHARED MISSION



Planned Parenthood provides a wide range of preventive healthcare services, including testing and treatment for STIs, HIV testing and prevention, and sexual health education.

Because of you and our community of donors, our health centers provide high quality, affordable healthcare— in a safe and caring atmosphere.

"I received a call saying I had tested positive for chlamydia. I had so many questions. The Planned Parenthood provider prescribed treatment, and I returned later to be retested to put my fears at rest. Thanks, Planned Parenthood, for helpful, compassionate treatment."
-Shavonne, a patient in Dallas

TAKE ACTION: STAY INFORMED

Join our mailing list to receive information on local events happening in your community. You can also contact state and national legislators on reproductive healthcare issues.



A NEWS CONNECTION: GAPS IN TEXAS STATE EDUCATION

Our Director of Community Health Education, Raul Rojas, discusses the importance of sex education in Texas and the negative impacts of misinformation and barriers created by Texas politicians:

"Sex education should be taught so you can be healthier, happier, and a better person to those around you, not only your community, but your colleagues and your friends as you're growing."

SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION IN TEXAS

Texans lack access to comprehensive sex education, particularly LGBTQIA+ youth. Sex education in most schools across the state fails to address the needs of Texans, leaving young people without basic information to make informed decisions about their sexual health. **This lack of education puts Texas youth at risk of STIs, and unintended pregnancies, and perpetuates shame and stigma.**

Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas' community health education programs provide information and guidance young people and parenting adults need to live healthy lives and make informed choices. Think of how our communities benefit when young people are educated and informed!

"I just want to thank all of you for teaching my kids real life skills in sex education. I am so grateful that my son used the classes to inform the community and his peers how important it is to know the real facts and consequences of sexual health issues. Thanks again for your guidance and support."
-Parent of a teen workshop participant

April is STI Awareness Month

Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) are common and can cause negative health outcomes if left untreated. Many STIs have few symptoms, so routine testing and treatment is important. Because of community support, we offer testing and treatment for STIs.



Texas ranks fourth in congenital syphilis. (2022, cdc.gov)

50%

1 in 2 sexually active young people in the US will contract a sexually transmitted infection (STI) by age 25 – and most won't know it.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: AN EVENING WITH PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Save the date for **An Evening with Planned Parenthood** on April 9, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. at the beautiful Bass Performance Hall in Fort Worth. This event features delicious hors d'oeuvres, craft cocktails, and of course, an inspiring, mission-driven program for our community.



WAYS TO GIVE

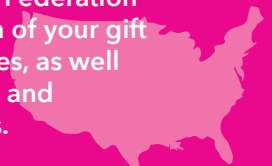
Support high-quality healthcare and sex education programs. Please get in touch with us today at development@ppgt.org or **214-254-3017** to learn how a legacy gift to Planned Parenthood ensures high-quality healthcare for generations ahead.

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.

