#### Spotlight on ... **Paul Scott**

AT AGE 23. AFTER PAYING ONLY \$10 OUT OF POCKET

thanks to a public health program, Paul Scott wanted to make it possible for others to access vasectomy services - regardless of their ability to pay.



So in the early 1990s and ready to give back, he approached Planned Parenthood of Southwestern Oregon, asking the question: Can we start a fund so other patients can access vasectomies?

For PPSO, the answer was a resounding "YES."

Thanks to Paul's inspirational investment and Oregon's landmark Reproductive Health Equity Act, PPSO provides vasectomy services to nearly 130 patients per year on average - often at little or no cost to them.

And when Paul received his COVID-19 stimulus check, he knew he'd be sending part of it to the fund he helped found over 20 years ago.

"I knew it would do more good if I gave it away. So that's what I did. I am happy to continue investing in the Vasectomy Fund and hope to inspire others to make gifts as well."

Paul's generosity is just one example of how our supporters reduce barriers to access for our patients.

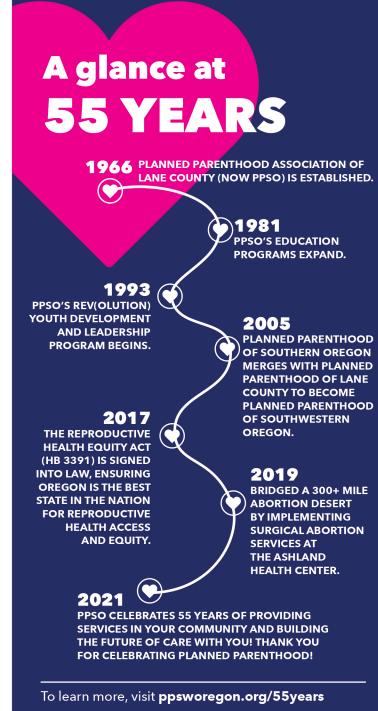
For more information on how to support Vasectomy or other services, please contact our Development team by email, development@ppsworegon.org, or phone, 541-344-2632.



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We'd like to hear from you! Visit bit.ly/ppsosurvey to take a brief supporter survey.

### A note from our CEO

Dear PPSO Family,

Looking back, it is clear that 2020 was a year of response.

We spent much of it navigating challenge after challenge – the COVID-19 pandemic, devastating wildfires, the ongoing health crisis of systemic racism, a tiring election season, and working in ways big and small to stay healthy and safe during a year like no other.

And, just three months into 2021, we are witnessing what feels a lot like hope.

On January 20 we saw the inauguration of a new administration. States across the country are months into their COVID-19 vaccination programs. We have secured progressive majorities at home and across chambers and at the executive level. And there is now likelihood that the policies being implemented locally and federally are focused on laws and programs that unite-rather than divide-our nation.

As I allow myself optimism for a better 2021, I remain committed to ensuring it is also a year we continue to dismantle the systems that privilege some at the expense of many.

I hope this update shares some of the ways that your support is making that commitment possible.

In gratitude,

Lisa Gardner

President and CEO

#### Let's stay connected!

Follow us for breaking news, events, and how to get involved.







#### Care

PRIOR TO THE PANDEMIC, PPSO's Patient Care teams were working diligently to implement our newest service—**Gender Affirming Care.** 

And though COVID may have stalled efforts—funded by generous support from Planned Parenthood Federation of America's Service Expansion program—building the foundation for an inclusive and gender affirming care environment moved quietly forward despite the pandemic.

Teams took stock of everything from signage to medical forms, ensuring non-binary and transgender patients' identities were reflected and respected the moment they entered our health centers.

Our entire organization, from health care assistants to our Board of Directors, participated in cultural competency training and education by subject matter experts from Southern Oregon University, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, and local organization Trans\*Ponder.

And now, less than a year after we started this work, our staff has successfully built the inclusive and affirming foundation to ensure we are providing the highest quality gender affirming care and compassionate sexual and reproductive health care to our non-binary and transgender patients at our Regional Health and Education Center in Eugene.

We are thrilled to be able to offer this level of care to patients throughout the region, and for the partnership of our health center and administrative staff, and local organizations in making this work possible.

#### **Education**

IN RESPONSE TO THE SHIFT in educational needs and a commitment to meeting our communities where they are, our Education Team launched Fundamentals of Sex Ed, a new virtual education program for educators and youth-serving professionals to strengthen their skills as sexual education providers.

This **four-hour virtual training** combines some of the core lessons offered in our annual Sex Ed Boot Camp with the addition of a session dedicated to the integration of online learning tools into a virtual setting.

Through engaging activities and open dialogue, Fundamentals of Sex Ed provides professionals in the field with the tools and skills they need to become confident in talking about sexuality with youth. These sessions provide access to youth-positive, inclusive, accurate, and empowering sexuality education for the communities they serve.

Fundamentals of Sex Ed will offer monthly sessions on various topics including: Circles of Sexuality, Reframing Messaging, Answering Challenging Questions, and Teaching in a Virtual Environment.

For more information about Fundamentals of Sex Ed visit bit.ly/sexedfundamentals

Follow @ppsoeducation on Instagram and Facebook to see the latest updates from our Education Team.



350+

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING IN EDUCATION PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT OUR 8-COUNTY REGION

### Advocacy



WHILE PPSO'S HEALTH CENTERS AND EDUCATORS play a critical role in providing sexual and reproductive health care and information, we know our work is far from over.

That's where our statewide advocacy group comes in – **Planned Parenthood** 

**Advocates of Oregon** engages the public and works with elected leaders to protect and enhance public policy that advances reproductive rights.

Last year PPAO worked to ensure that abortion, family planning and gender-affirming care were deemed essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Previously it helped pass the nation's most progressive reproductive health law, which safeguards abortion rights in Oregon if Roe vs. Wade is weakened, as well as landmark legislation that makes Oregon the easiest place in the country to access birth control.

PPAO has been nationally recognized for excellence in building future leaders for our movement through Leadership & Advocacy Teams that are active across the state.

The beginning of this new chapter belongs to you, the people. We came together to fight for a future where we all have access to the care we need, even in the face of a global pandemic. There is nothing we can't accomplish when we fight for each other, together.

Paid for by Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon.

## Giving Back with Good Clean Love

#### EACH MONTH, LOCAL COMPANY Good Clean

**Love** supports an organization or a cause that they feel is helping make the world a better place, as a part of their "Love Into Action" program.

So in the summer of 2019, when Good Clean Love approached us with a unique donation of 50 cases of their signature "Almost Naked Organic Personal Lubricant" for use throughout the affiliate, we were thrilled.

After giving away nearly 2,500 bottles throughout the region, we wanted to learn what inspired them to make their extraordinary gift.

"Donating to sexual health organizations, educators, and events has been an important part of our mission from the very beginning. We deeply value the work PPSO does making sure our community can access the care, education, and advocacy they need."

As a registered B-corporation, Good Clean Love is committed to increasing the awareness and experience of love in the world. Social responsibility and environmental stewardship are at the forefront of their business practices offering all-natural, organic feminine hygiene, vaginal wellness, and premium intimacy products.

Good Clean Love describes the most critical aspect of their work as elevating sexual health and wellness resources so they are available to all, beginning with education and advocacy. We are proud to be a part of their network of practitioners in the medical community, sex education, and women's health advocacy worldwide.

Thank you, Good Clean Love!

# Your gift at work

Your gift makes a difference in the lives of individuals and families across Southwestern Oregon. Here are just a few ways your gift has supported the health of your community.



10,387
TOTAL NUMBER OF PATIENT VISITS PROVIDED



4,171

DIRECT-TO-PATIENT TELEHEALTH

VISITS SERVED BY TELEHEALTH



226

RURAL PATIENTS SERVED BY
TELEHEALTH (DEFINED AS PATIENTS
WITH A DRIVE TIME OF >30 MINUTES
TO A PHYSICAL HEALTH CENTER)