

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 healthcare and education you make possible at Planned Parenthood.



CONNECTIONS

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

A NEWS CONNECTION: THEIR LAWS. OUR BODIES.

Two years after the constitutional right to abortion was eliminated, what's left of Texans' reproductive rights is unclear.

In the years following the U.S. Supreme Court's overturn of *Roe v. Wade*, Shelby Tauber met and photographed fellow Texans who were denied abortions despite lethal fetal anomalies that endangered their lives, health, and future fertility. Some were among the 20 women who sued the state in *Zurawski v. Texas* last year, asking for clarification on the scope of the current ban's "medical emergency" exception.

In May, the Texas Supreme Court failed to provide guidance in *Zurawski*. As a result, Texas doctors lack clear guidance for their patients with fear of major consequences, including up to 99 years in prison and Texans with pregnancy complications are left with few options, and more risks.

Texas' extreme abortion bans and public health policies place Texans at risk, and **we stand with you in advocating to restore abortion access in Texas.**



Ashley Brandy holds her 17-month-old daughter Marley in the family's nursery. Brandy, one of the *Zurawski* plaintiffs, had to travel out of state for a selective termination when one of her twins was found to be nonviable. She planted a tree outside the nursery window in honor of the daughter that was aborted.

EDUCATION: TEENAGE COMMUNICATION THEATER CELEBRATES 40 YEARS!

For 40 years, Planned Parenthood's TeenAge Communication Theater (TACT) program has been a cornerstone of peer-led sex education in North Texas. Through engaging performances by TACT teens, countless young people are empowered with the knowledge and confidence to make timely informed decisions about their sexual health. Peer education programs like TACT would not exist without the generous support from you, our donors. Your contributions ensure TACT's legacy of empowerment, education, and positive change for our communities.

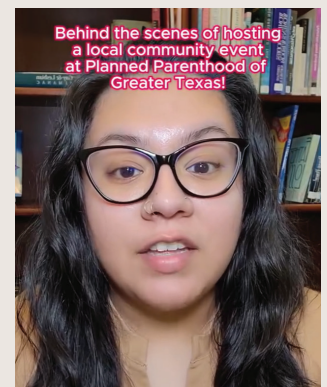
Photo (Right):
Dallas area TACT students inspiring empowerment and positive change.



TAKE ACTION: ADVOCACY - BEHIND THE SCENES

Your support provides young people the opportunity to develop leadership skills and learn about non-profits first-hand through a Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas Public Affairs Leadership program. In supporting community outreach programs, like the Summer Leadership Program, you invest in the next generation of leaders like Isanel, providing them with hands-on experience planning community events, hosting fundraisers, and strengthening their communication and advocacy skills.

Photo (Right):
Our summer leader, Isanel, talking about how a "Sex Ed Lotería" community event comes together.



Midlife Care Matters

Planned Parenthood is a trusted resource for patients navigating menopause. Your support helps our patients access the care they need, ensuring appointments are available at Planned Parenthood for midlife care services including annual exams, perimenopausal and menopausal management, and hormone replacement therapy.

10 Perimenopause is the time leading to menopause during which symptoms can occur. This stage can last up to 10 years.



100% of Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas health centers offer both hormone replacement therapy and non-hormonal options to treat symptoms of perimenopause and menopause.

51 The average age of the start of menopause.



1 in 5 American women relies on Planned Parenthood at some time in her life.



VISBY POINT-OF-CARE STI TESTING

Planned Parenthood is proud to announce the launch of point-of-care STI testing for chlamydia, gonorrhea, and trichomoniasis which enables patients to receive results in the health center within 30 minutes. If left untreated, these STIs can cause long-term or permanent damage to the reproductive system. Because of your support, this rapid testing is available at all health centers enabling our patients to receive their test and treatment in a single visit.

NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY 2024

North Texas Giving Day is on **September 19, 6:00 AM - Midnight**. Early giving starts **September 1**.

Caring for North Texas. No Matter What. Stand with Planned Parenthood.

Scan or visit northtexasgivingday.org to donate online. Search for PPGT and click DONATE to make your gift!



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 or want to learn more, please get in touch with the Development Office at (214) 254-3017 or development@ppgt.org.

