



Planned Parenthood of Northern New England

# NEWS SOURCE

## Year End 2022

Dear Friends,

As the year comes to a close, I want to say **THANK YOU.**

By far, this has been the most challenging year for reproductive health care in more than 50 years. But I'm left with hope and gratitude after seeing the many ways you have stood with PPNNE.

Whether it is hosting a fundraiser, casting a ballot, sending thank you notes to our staff, making a donation, talking to family and friends about why access to reproductive health care matters to you, or simply putting a bumper sticker on your car – they all add up, and together, we are one powerful movement.

We know this is just the beginning of our fight to ensure everyone has access to the reproductive care they need, and we have so much more work ahead of us. But as we turn the page on 2022, I hope you'll take a moment to pause and feel proud of being a PPNNE supporter and of standing up and speaking out – especially in this critical year.

We simply couldn't do this work without you.

On behalf of all our patients across our three states and beyond, I wish you a warm and happy New Year.

Onward together,

Judith

**Judith Selzer**  
President & CEO



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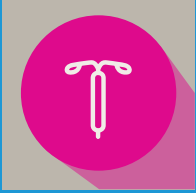
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# your support makes a difference



These are just a few examples of the incredible and inventive fundraisers you – our supporters – have created to stand with PPNNE: bake sales, art sales, coffee table books, yoga classes, concerts, dance parties, house parties, business sales, college projects, the list goes on and on.

**We are so grateful.** And inspired! On behalf of the 36,000 patients who rely on us every year, and all of the community members across Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont who count on PPNNE to protect and defend our rights, **thank you so much for ALL the ways you stand with PPNNE, and for creating spaces where others in your community can stand with you!**

Thanks to our generous donors, we provided:

# \$5.1 million

worth of **discounted and free** health care to our patients.

Hello,

My name is Mei and I am a recent high school graduate. I was infuriated by the Roe v Wade decision and felt that I couldn't stand by as women's reproductive rights came under attack. I had hoped to have a bake sale at our local town's Summer Sessions which are a music and food festival. However, after being gently turned down I created my own event and reached out to businesses to sponsor me. I organized an evening with a band, a couple food trucks, and a bake sale. I hope this helps. If there's anything more I can do please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,  
Mei Elander



Musicians in Photo: Eva-Marie Olson, Isabelle Olson, Olivia Olson, Anne McKee.

In September, four young musicians of Islesboro, Maine, organized a community folk concert to benefit PPNNE. They drew a crowd of around 100 and raised over \$1,500 in donations.

**Pin it for PPNNE** was a virtual mountain bike race event, put on by PPNNE intern Mazie Hayden. Despite a few setbacks with downed trees and cold weather, the turnout was great – the event raised over \$400. For Mazie, the best part of the fundraiser was seeing a group of mountain bikers who she had coached in the past come up from her old high school in Killington all the way to Burlington to participate! They even designed their own t-shirts in support of Planned Parenthood and reproductive rights.



**Keep 'em coming!** If you want to host a house party or event, or if your business wants to support PPNNE, please do!

Contact us at [supportus@ppnne.org](mailto:supportus@ppnne.org) to let us know what you're planning.

# Thank you!



# We Won't Go Back



## Advocacy Recap

*The outcomes this November proved what we already knew to be true – Americans agree, personal medical decisions should be ours, not a politician's. While there is much to celebrate, we know there is more work left to do, and what happens across the nation will have an impact in our region.*

### TAKE ACTION!



Make your voice heard through our Action Funds! They fight for reproductive rights through educational and advocacy action.

ME: [grassrootsme@ppnne.org](mailto:grassrootsme@ppnne.org)

NH: [grassrootsnh@ppnne.org](mailto:grassrootsnh@ppnne.org)

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### FOLLOW US ONLINE!

@ppmeaf

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**We celebrate that Vermonters** seized the opportunity to stand together to protect access in the state constitution by passing the Reproductive Liberty Amendment by a whopping 77% margin!



**Maine had one of the highest voter turnouts** in the nation this election, and protecting our basic freedoms played a critical part. With strong pro-reproductive rights majorities in the legislature, we will continue to advance policies to enhance access.



**The Granite State continues to fight back** against an Executive Council that is determined to block funding for lifesaving family planning services, including cancer screenings, birth control, and STI testing and treatment, from reaching patients at PPNNE and other reproductive health providers in the state.



Protest in Montpelier on June 24th after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. Photo by Lia Chien/VTDigger.



Your **RIGHTS.**  
Your **CARE.**  
Your **FUTURE.**

# Your donations save lives

The loss of Roe has changed our country and will impact people's lives for years to come. Already, 18 states have enacted abortion bans, and one in three women and people who can get pregnant in our country are without access to abortion care.

**This moment can feel overwhelming, but we see strength, resilience, and a movement that is growing and building.** We see people, young and old, stepping out and speaking up. We may come from diverse backgrounds and live in different communities, but the majority of us agree that personal decisions should be up to us, not politicians.

**There has never been a more critical time to support sexual and reproductive health and rights. And we have more work to do here in northern New England.**



**PPNNE has always believed that control over your body, rights, and future belongs to you and you alone.**

This post-Roe world is challenging, but it's just the beginning. We will continue to work together to build a future where youth are empowered to live healthy lives and where everyone can plan for the families they want, when they want.

And this fight will be fueled by you, PPNNE supporters.



**Your gift to PPNNE today ensures we are able to provide abortion care and the full range of sexual and reproductive health care services to all who may come to us, regardless of their ability to pay.**

And we will be here for all of them - because of you.

With your support, we will deliver high-quality sex education and lifesaving care to our patients, including birth control, abortion care, HIV and STI testing and treatment, cancer screenings, trans-inclusive health care, and so much more.



Dear Planned Parenthood,

You don't know me, but your good work saved my life. In 2011 I was in a very dark place and your care led me out of it. I am safe and thriving now, and that is a debt I can never repay. I wish you all the best in these crazy times. Thank you for all you do. ❤️

With much love and respect,

The FedEx Girl



**Please take this moment to stand with PPNNE by making a gift today.**

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