

CHOICE Remarks

WINTER 2019

Hudson Health Center

804 Columbia Street in Hudson, NY

Hours:

Mon closed

Tues 9am to 5pm

Wed 9am to 5pm

Thurs 11am to 7pm

Fri closed



New Hudson Health Center

Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood is thrilled to announce the opening of the new Hudson Health Center opening at 804 Columbia Street on Tuesday, February 26. The new health center will house a reception area, waiting area, patient exam rooms, recovery room, care coordination and counseling offices, and a shared teen space and community room. In addition, UHPP will be expanding its prevention and treatment of cervical cancer with colposcopy and LEEP services.

The community and teen room will be a shared space used for staff meetings, public programs such as teach-ins, healthy parent and child programs, education programs, and will be available for small, local non-profits who do not have the space or resources to host meetings and programs on their own. Partnership is essential to the work we do, and we are thrilled to have the opportunity to support the work of other organizations based in Columbia County - particularly in the city of Hudson. Only together can our community - including patients and clients - truly thrive.

"UHPP is committed to providing a place where patients feel valued and respected and to provide the best care, no matter what. We have been working quietly in the community and met with numerous supporters and the response has been incredible."

- Chelly Hegan, UHPP President/CEO

The improved health center will serve more people in Columbia and Greene Counties, as well as the Berkshires region. "As the primary provider of abortion care and transgender care in the region, the upgraded facility is more important than ever," says UHPP President/CEO, Chelly Hegan.

UHPP launched *The Campaign for Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood: A Place for Everyone*, to raise \$7.2 million to support sexual health care services and education in Albany, Columbia, Greene and Rensselaer Counties. In 2017, UHPP initially set out to raise \$5.5 million for this campaign. However, at a time of unprecedented attacks on the services UHPP provides - contraceptive care, abortion, STI testing and treatment, and transgender care - we made the decision to increase our goal to \$7.2 million to ensure continued access to these services in our region. Since the launch of our campaign, we have been humbled by the incredible generosity in our community. To date we have raised over \$4.5 million.



UHPP at the Women's March On Hudson!

Capital Campaign: The Campaign for Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood is a call to action for those who support reproductive freedom, high-quality health care and believe in access for all to safe non-judgmental care. No matter what. For more details or to support, visit uhpp.org.



Legislative Update: VICTORY!

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed the Reproductive Health Act (RHA) into law on Tuesday, January 22, the 46th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. RHA protects reproductive rights and access to abortion by ensuring New Yorkers can make personal health care decisions and medical professionals can provide crucial services without fear of criminal penalty. The legislation codifies Roe v. Wade into New York State law. Advocates and supporters were on hand to celebrate the victory!



Sarah Weddington and Governor Andrew Cuomo

Advocates also celebrated the passing of the Comprehensive Contraceptive Coverage Act (CCC), the Boss Bill and Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act (GENDA) in this NYS Legislative session. It has been an incredible victory for reproductive rights advocates!

Join with Planned Parenthood advocates from around New York State in Albany on Tuesday, March 12 at the Day of Action to celebrate our victories. To register, visit uhpp.org.

UHPP Celebrates Roe Anniversary!

UHPP honored the anniversary of Roe v. Wade on January 22 at our Celebration for Choice event. With threats to Roe being stronger than ever, we knew it was important to invite nonparallel support for safe and legal abortion. This year we presented Eleanor's Legacy and the New York State Bipartisan Pro-Choice Legislative Caucus with our Advocate for Choice Award. We were thrilled to be able to celebrate the passage and signing of the Reproductive Health Act that very evening along with supporters, activists, Brette McSweeney of Eleanor's Legacy, and Melissa DeRosa - Secretary to the Governor.



Melissa DeRosa

Chelly Hegan and Brette McSweeney

Fran Reiter and Maureen DeRosa

Thanks to our Honorary Committee Co-Chairs – Fran Reiter and Maureen DeRosa we reached our goal of raising \$50,000!

Partnering with ReEntry Columbia

In Fall of 2018, UHPP began partnering with ReEntry Columbia to provide comprehensive sex education to the people in custody at Columbia County Jail. Opportunities to connect with marginalized and underserved populations is an important part of UHPP's mission. The program covered topics including anatomy, STDs and substance use during pregnancy. "The partnership has been outstanding, and the participants really enjoy getting the information," says Zanetta Graham, UHPP Vice President of Education.

Participants ages range from 17 to 55 years old. While some participants have heard this information before, for most this program is the first time they have spoken openly about their sexual health. This is the first program of its kind that has been facilitated by UHPP, and we are looking to expand other facilities in the future.


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