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Join us on May 30, 2008 for the Annual Haute Wired, Orange County’s most exclusive charity event. This year’s event will take place at the fabulous Shady Canyon Clubhouse in Irvine. For more information go to www.hautewired.org.

Will You Be My Valentine?

On February 14, 2008, will you send a Valentine to President George Bush reminding him that the best way to show Americans that he is a compassionate President is to support prevention? Send a donation and we will send the President a condom on your behalf. *After all, we all know that love isn’t just about chocolate, flowers and candy.* To send a Valentine go to www.pposbc.org.

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“Friends For” Planned Parenthood

Friends For Planned Parenthood are some of our most loyal supporters and have been for almost 30 years. They have raised over \$500,000 in support of health education programs that equip young people with the means to make responsible decisions. Pictured are some of the Friends For members, along with abortion rights attorney Priscilla Smith at our Annual Luncheon in December 2007.



Bottom from left: Grayne Price, Dorothy Beek, Priscilla Smith, Jon Dunn, Jeane Marlett. Top from left: Ben Wright, Doreen Hamburger, Phyllis Wallace, Joan Margol, Myra Kirschenbaum, Arlene Silverman, Sandy Wright, Kim Salter, Orville Marlett.

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U.S. CIVICS POP QUIZ
2008 Presidential Candidates and their Views on Reproductive Rights

Match the quote with the candidate:

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| a). John McCain | ___ “I think that most Americans recognize that this is a profoundly difficult issue for the women and families who make these decisions. They don’t make them casually. And I trust women to make these decisions, in conjunction with their doctors and their families and their clergy, and I think that’s where most Americans are.” |
| b). Rudy Giuliani | ___ “I’m pro-life because I believe life begins at conception, and I believe that we should do everything possible to protect that life because it is the center piece of what makes us unique as an American people.” |
| c). Mitt Romney | ___ “This decision, which is one of the most fundamental, difficult and soul searching decisions a woman and a family can make, is also one in which the government should have no role.” |
| d). John Edwards | ___ “There must be public funding for abortions for poor women. We cannot deny any woman the right to make her own decision about abortion because she lacks resources.” |
| e). Hillary Clinton | ___ “I believe that abortion should be safe and legal in this country. I have since the time that my mom took that position when she ran in 1970 as a US Senate candidate.” |
| f). Mike Huckabee | ___ “You and I know that since the Supreme Court handed down this land mark decision (<i>Roe v. Wade</i>), forces have been hard at work trying to overturn it. When it comes to a woman’s right to choose, there is no choice: I support it and will protect it one hundred percent.” |
| g). Barack Obama | ___ “I would not support repeal of <i>Roe v. Wade</i> , which would then force X number of women in America to [undergo] illegal and dangerous operations.” |

Answer key to the Pop Quiz: g, f, e, b, c, d, a.

POLITICAL CORNER 2008

In 1999, during his first campaign running for president, **Senator John McCain** claimed that his reason for upholding *Roe v. Wade* was because it would lead women into dangerous surgical procedures. He has since changed his tune.

Rudy Giuliani has slightly changed his opinion. He once adamantly supported public funding of abortions and opposed parental notification but now he supports the Hyde Amendment and parental consent.

Mitt Romney has completely flip-flopped on abortion. In 1994, when he ran against Sen. Ted Kennedy, he said a relative died from an illegal abortion which is why he was pro-choice. In November 2004, he became anti-choice.

John Edwards admits to having been anti-choice in college but his wife Elizabeth later inspired him to change his mind. He proudly ran as a pro-choice candidate for the Senate in conservative North Carolina in 1998 against the advice of his own advisors. He won that race.

Senators Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama have consistently been pro-choice.

Mike Huckabee has been consistently anti-choice.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO



Dear Friend,

As we approach the height of the presidential primary season, abortion rights have been overshadowed in the debate by economic issues, the Iraqi war and access to health care. At this point, each candidate has firm beliefs on the subject and it has not turned into a critical issue in the primaries.

Abortion rights, however, will likely attain greater importance as we approach the general election. The two most progressive justices on the court, John Paul Stevens and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, are also the two oldest. There is little doubt that our next president will make appointments to replace them. The leading candidates have been unequivocal about their commitment to either upholding or overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

In addition to the implications in the presidential race, abortion rights will be at stake in this election in a number of states. In an attempt to redefine the debate, anti-choice elements in Montana, Colorado and Georgia are gathering signatures to put initiatives on the ballot that create fetal personhood from the point of conception.

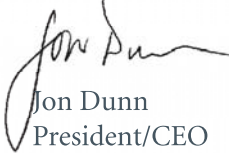
In California, the proponents of parental notification are gathering signatures to place this initiative on the ballot for the third time in November. Although we have defeated parental notification twice, we will need the support and effort of all our allies to defeat it again.

So for now, reproductive rights shares the spotlight with other pressing national and international issues but we know that the subject will not stay below the radar for long. The fight is not over. In fact, it is entering a new phase.

You have been there for us in the past, you are there for us now and very soon, you will be called upon to help us in this battle to protect a woman’s right to choose.

We must commit to doing whatever it takes to win the election this November.

Regards,


Jon Dunn
President/CEO

Just Ask! The NEW Text Messaging Hotline

Did you know we have a new Text Messaging Hotline?

You can now get the answers to all of your reproductive health questions via our new Text Messaging Hotline available from 12 noon to 12 midnight, seven days a week.

It’s easy and YOU can help us launch this exciting new venture.

Just dial **6-1-8-2-7** on your cell phone and text your confidential sexual or reproductive health question. Within minutes, you will get a response from one of our Online Hotline Health Educators.

Try it today and share your experience with us. We would really appreciate it!

In addition, Planned Parenthood has also expanded our Online Hotline hours to 12 noon to 12 midnight, seven days a week. And don’t forget our Toll Free Phone Hotline at 1-877-4ME-2ASK (1-877-463-2275). It’s available Monday–Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (PST).

Standard text messaging fees apply. Please check with your service provider for information on fees.

THANK YOU Charles and Catherine Blair

Thanks to the thoughtfulness of Charles and Catherine Blair, Planned Parenthood will be able to provide our clients more services in the future and continue to build on our legacy.

The Fullerton couple kindly bequeathed Planned Parenthood \$1.7 million – funds to support critical programs and services to build a healthy community.

Charles Blair, who recently passed away, held 125 U.S. patents and was an esteemed inventor and author of 45 scientific publications on cultural and economic subjects.

Both he and his wife strongly believed in our mission of providing quality health care to women, men and teens. YOU TOO can leave a gift for future generations by including Planned Parenthood in your estate planning...

Please call (714) 633-6373 ext. 173 today for more information.

New Sex Ed Study

CDC Report Supports Our Mission

The purpose of sex education is to provide youth with the information and skills needed to make healthy and informed decisions about sex.

A new study released by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirmed that teens under the age of 15 are delaying the onset of sexual activity because they had received sex education. Sex education was also found to be particularly important for groups of youth that are traditionally at high-risk for early sexual activity and for contracting sexually transmitted infections.

The data shows that teen girls in the nationally representative sample were 59% less likely to start having sex before age 15 if they had received comprehensive sex education. For teen boys the study found they were 71% less likely to engage in sexual activity if they too had received sex education.

“This validates what we have always known,” said Jon Dunn, President and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Orange and San Bernardino Counties. “In fact, through our Public Schools Education Project, we are currently in the process of analyzing sex-education curricula in local school districts. We want to ensure all teens have the resources to make responsible choices about their reproductive lives.”

If you would like to have an expert health educator teach a class on sex education, please call our Health Education office at (714) 922- 4184.

The study is included in the January issue of the Journal of Adolescent Health (www.adolescenthealth.org/journal.htm).