

healing | 20-something
mother | nurse | progressive

sister | Buddhist | liberal
We trust women.
straight | neighbor | artist

moderate | friend | aunt
We support choices.
Jew | daughter | gay

radical | married | farmer

conservative | immigrant
volunteer | single | doctor

Christian | 30-something

unemployed | caregiver

hairstylist | recovering

40-something | mentor

searching | mixed race

engineer | teenager

college student | atheist

divorced | executive

chef | traditional | cashier

Catholic | politician

PRETERM 2011

ANNUAL REPORT

Message From The Director

2011 was a mind-boggling year of attacks on women's health. There was a staggering amount of action against reproductive rights and health, with 1,100 measures introduced across the U.S. (more than 90 of which became law). Some of the so-called "protective" measures—proposed bans on birth control, mandatory waiting periods, not to mention abortion



bans—made it seem like we were living in a repressive regime instead of a democracy.

In Ohio, we saw new restrictions on medication abortion, a new law that requires viability testing for abortions past 19 weeks, and more restrictions on minors and insurance coverage. Here at Preterm, we are frustrated and angry as we struggle to keep up with

changes in the law, but those truly at the mercy of these attacks are the women we serve—women whose lives, health, dignity, and autonomy are at stake. These women need our care and compassion regardless of the political trends. Their need for abortion and financial assistance is the same no matter how much legislators want to take us back to unspeakable and unsafe conditions.

Unlike politicians, Preterm trusts women—all women—to make responsible decisions about their lives, about pregnancy and about motherhood. Our job is to provide the services they need with safety, respect, and compassion. It's crucial that we maintain a safe space for all women to make the best decisions they can for themselves and their families. Every day, our staff and our allies build a protective wall that makes that space possible, allowing women to consider their options, tell their truths, and take control of their lives and their futures.

There are many bricks in that wall—the messages of support our patients leave for each other in waiting room journals; the commitment of each Preterm staff member to delivering the highest quality care; the tenacity of young doctors who come to us to train to be the providers of the future; the passion of volunteers who escort patients, answer questions, and carry the Preterm vision into the world; and the generosity of our donors, many of whom have increased their support as the political climate has become increasingly hostile towards women—to name just a few.

I am looking forward to a time when women's autonomy is unquestioned, when legislators stay out of our personal lives, and when the contrast between the wider world and the nonjudgmental space we maintain at Preterm is not so stark. In the meantime, we hope you'll help us add bricks of compassion and support to our protective wall for women.

Chrissie France
Executive Director

Preterm 2011 Highlights at a Glance

- Preterm held a 2nd trimester summit at the ACLU for providers and activists to discuss legal and scientific issues regarding 2nd trimester abortions and the women who need them.
- We replaced our air handlers as part of ongoing environmental sustainability efforts.
- Board member Linda Robson presented “Canary in the Coal Mine,” a talk on reproductive and environmental justice.
- Our My Abortion, My Life campaign, an effort to normalize abortion, went public with a website, bus ads, street kiosks, a Conversation Night, and intimate house parties.
- We became the official training site for the UH/Case Medical Center Ryan Residency Program in Abortion and Family Planning.
- We co-sponsored a Trauma Stewardship workshop by Laura van Dernoot Lipsky for frontline caregivers and the community with Cleveland Rape Crisis Center, The Domestic Violence Center, and the Center for Women at CWRU.
- We obtained a permanent restraining order against aggressive picketer Ernie Banar, forcing him to stay at least 100 feet from the property.
- We had our AAAHC site visit in June and were subsequently awarded 3-year certification in October.
- Rev. Rebecca Turner from Faith Aloud came to Preterm to work with staff and the public on issues of pro-choice religion, spirituality, and abortion.
- Linda Jane, development and communications director, retired after 12 years of great service to Preterm. She was replaced by Toni Thayer.

Though Preterm had many achievements in 2011, we saw a record-breaking number of abortion restrictions enacted throughout the country.

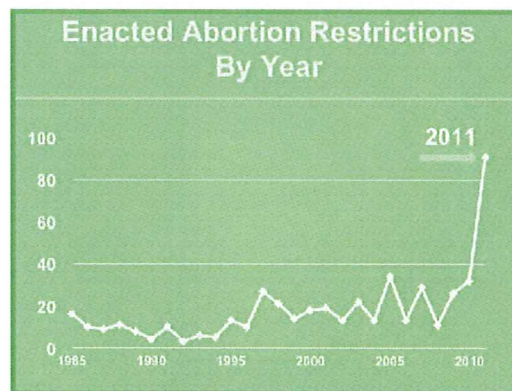


Chart courtesy of the Guttmacher Institute, *States enact record number of abortion restrictions in 2011*, news release, New York: Guttmacher Institute, Jan. 5, 2012, <http://www.guttmacher.org/media/inthenews/2012/01/05/endofyear.html>, accessed 5/17/2012.

*Your own words are the bricks and mortar
of the dreams you want to realize.
Your words are the greatest power you have.
The words you choose and their use establish
the life you experience.*

– Sonia Choquette

To all the ladies here, stay
strong and remember you are
doing what is best for you.

– A caring heart

Love transcends every-
thing. Know that I
care about you, too,
and appreciate all that
you're going through.
Have peace in your
heart.

– A grandma

You are entitled to
your beliefs and
decisions. You are
life itself.

– Preterm patient

I feel a renewed sense of self. A life-affirming nod
that yes, I can face a challenge,
consider my options, and walk bravely
towards my choice.

– Preterm patient

INCOME AND EXPENSES *(for fiscal year ending June 30, 2011)***Income**

Fees for medical services	\$2,007,113
Annual contributions and grants*	684,100
Investment income	363,264
Other	42,297

\$3,096,774**Expenses**

Clinic	\$2,417,973
Education and advocacy	38,275
Administration	139,443
Development	158,872

*Includes \$5,382 in capital contributions to
Preterm's green transformation

\$2,754,563

CLIENTS SERVED *(for fiscal year ending June 30, 2011)***Abortion Services**

Medication abortions	345
First trimester abortions	3,474
Second trimester abortions	971

Total 4,790

Emergency contraception	182
Walk-in pregnancy testing	1,286
Other services	592

Total clients served 6,850**Total clinic visits 13,419**

ABORTION FUNDING *(for fiscal year ending June 30, 2011)*

To help overcome the economic barriers to abortion and advance reproductive justice, Preterm provides financial assistance in the form of subsidies and grants to low-income and uninsured women. Much of this assistance goes to women on Medicaid because Ohio bans Medicaid coverage for abortion.

Total financial assistance \$559,627**Clients receiving assistance 92.6%**

Preterm has provided \$7.17 million in subsidies and grants to more than 87,000 women since we opened in 1974.

Thank You

We deeply appreciate the generous support of the individuals, foundations, and organizations who supported our work last year through contributions to our Access Fund for indigent patients, our general operating fund, and our capital campaign.

You are crucial partners in our work.

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Preterm's Mission

Preterm advances women's health and reproductive justice by providing safe, respectful and accessible abortion care.



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