



Quarterly Newsletter October 2017

Planned Parenthood Northern California

Letter from our CEO and Medical Director

In this newsletter we showcase what we love to do and do best at Planned Parenthood Northern California (PPNorCal): provide excellent comprehensive sexual and reproductive health care to all. Our work is both timely and critical; California holds the dubious distinction of having the highest total number of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) in the country, including chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, and congenital syphilis.

These infections disproportionately affect, and have negative outcomes for women and for people of color. We are dedicated at PPNorCal to caring for people who cannot or do not receive care elsewhere. We work to ensure that every person we serve is empowered to make the best decisions about their fertility, their family, and their future.

It is impossible to separate the work that we do from reproductive justice. At a time when the rights and freedoms of so many different groups are being threatened, we strive to offer services that meet the diverse needs of our patients, regardless of race, gender identity, economic status, or geography. Reproductive justice is inextricably linked to other social and economic justice issues. We stand together with those fighting for immigrant rights, economic and environmental justice, as well as LGBTQ protections.

We will continue to fight for the rights and the health of the patients who need us the most.

We also send our best wishes to everyone directly impacted by Northern California's devastating fires. We are very grateful that all staff members, clients and supporters are safe. We worked swiftly to get health center services back up and running to care for our communities in the immediate fire area. Our patients come to us at some of the most vulnerable moments in life. We always have and will continue to find a way to care for our patients regardless of the challenge we face.

Thank you for your support during this difficult and crucial time.

Sincerely,



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President & CEO
Planned Parenthood Northern California



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SF Flagship Building Update!

We are happy to share with you that Planned Parenthood Northern California's Board of Trustees authorized the purchase of a building just off Van Ness in San Francisco to serve as our new Flagship Health Center! Along the way, we reached out to you and you responded, with many expressing support for this project. The incredible outpouring of support in large part, helped us reach this phase of our goal to create a new San Francisco home. If you are interested in making a gift to support the PPNorCal Flagship in San Francisco, contact info@ppnorcal.org for more information.