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30
years of
PPCNC

Dear Friends,

Just weeks ago we celebrated our 30th Anniversary with more than 500 of our closest friends and family members gathered for the occasion. In all likelihood, you were there.

If so, I hope you felt as moved as I did by being in the room with so many people—founding mothers, supporters, past and present board members, staff and coalition partners—who have made it possible for Planned Parenthood of Central North Carolina to provide care, no matter what, for more than three decades.

It's fair to say we have seen tremendous change over the 30 years but nothing has been as dramatic or as challenging as the political shift in North Carolina since 2010.

In last year's annual report, we shared with you our decision to appeal directly to the federal government for Title X family planning funding after the North Carolina Legislature banned Planned Parenthood from receiving state funds in 2011 and 2012—not once but twice!

We were awarded \$426,000 in Title X funding from the federal government—roughly three times the amount we received from the state—to provide low-income women and men with annual exams, lifesaving cancer screening, birth control and STD treatment in our Durham health center.

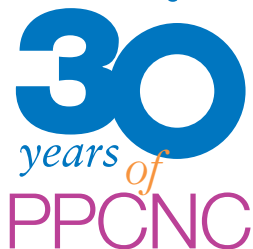
After a successful year of providing care, we are happy to report that our Title X grant has been renewed for next year. Plus, we will receive an additional \$125,000 to help us convert to electronic medical records.

I wish I could say we had successfully weathered all of the legislative assaults on women's health as triumphantly but, unfortunately, we have only begun to see what will happen as a result of the attacks on access to safe and legal abortion passed this summer.

Several restrictions in the so-called “motorcycle abortion” bill went into effect October 1, including provisions stripping municipal and county employees of comprehensive reproductive health coverage and denying women—even those who use their own money—the ability to buy an insurance plan that covers abortion care through North Carolina's health care exchange set up through the Affordable Care Act.

Of course, this summer most of us were focused on the bill's TRAP (Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers) provision, which initially singled out abortion providers for medically unnecessary facility regulations intended to shut down clinics. Ultimately, the bill that was signed into law gave the Department of Health Human Services leeway to write the regulations—a process only beginning as this annual report goes to print.

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What we learned this legislative year is that winning looks different in North Carolina's new political environment. While we may not have defeated the "motorcycle abortion" bill, we learned that together with our allies, we can use social media to turn out more than 600 activists within 12 hours of a bill being introduced with no public notice. We can pack the legislative chambers, spilling out into the rotunda and onto the streets with women, men and young people who refuse to stand by while lawmakers target women's health.

We learned that PPCNC supporters are as committed as ever to making sure every woman has the ability to make deeply personal and often complex health decisions.

And, we learned from your generosity that PPCNC supporters, including 411 first-time donors, are willing to step up to the plate to make sure PPCNC is here to provide care, no matter what. With your support, PPCNC exceeded our fundraising goal this year, bringing in a total of \$1.15 million.

We also learned that PPCNC is part of a much larger movement to take back our state. This year, we stood week after week with thousands who joined the NAACP's Moral Mondays to demand better schools, health care and economic opportunities for all North Carolinians.

Many of you, PPCNC supporters, past and present board members, joined with us on Moral Mondays, some of you even risking arrest by participating in civil disobedience. As challenging as these last few years have been politically in North Carolina, your courage and conviction and continued support of PPCNC makes me more confident than ever that we will get through this together.

After all, who knew 30 years ago after opening our first office in Hillsborough—furnished only with a card table, telephone and donated plant—that we'd be celebrating our third decade with three health centers providing high-quality, nonjudgmental health care and education to thousands of women, men and young people each year.

Because of you, PPCNC is here to stay. No matter what.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Janet'.

Janet Colm
President & CEO, PPCNC



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PPCNC stood with the NAACP, other social justice allies and thousands of North Carolinians each week on Moral Mondays to protest the legislative attacks on voting rights, public education, economic security and women's health. Forward together, not one step back.



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