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Since 1938, Planned Parenthood of the Texas Capital Region has served as a trusted, nonprofit provider of high-quality, affordable reproductive health care in the Austin area. Today, Planned Parenthood provides valuable education and preventive health care services to more than 33,000 clients in Austin each year.

Planned Parenthood Teens Develop Leadership Skills



Planned Parenthood health educators Cynthia Brown and Janet Punch with teens in D. C. From left to right-Shalnora Worlds, Cynthia Brown, Anais Cruz, Mariah Rodriguez, Megan Jones, and Janet Punch.

Planned Parenthood partnered with the City of Austin Youth Employment Program to provide employment and opportunities for teen participants to learn valuable health, education, communication, and decision-making skills. The teens created presentations on sexual health and healthy decision-making while practicing important skills like public speaking, writing, and leading group activities.

In July, four of Planned Parenthood's teen peer educators earned a trip to Washington D.C. for Planned Parenthood's Policy Summit. The Austin teens met with legislative staff at the U.S. Capitol and attended workshops along with 400 other teens from across the country to learn how to make a difference in their community as young leaders.

Planned Parenthood Explores Growth in Waco

The Boards of Planned Parenthood in Austin and Waco approved a management agreement that directs Planned Parenthood Austin's senior staff to manage the Waco Planned Parenthood and to evaluate a potential merger for the two nonprofits in 2012. These plans have been underway for several months and are now officially moving forward.

This agreement will strengthen Planned Parenthood's ability to provide health and education services to more than 45,000 central Texans each year. The plans to merge would place Planned Parenthood in a strong position to continue meeting the needs of women, men and families in central Texas with high-quality health care and education services.

If merged, the combined \$11 million nonprofit would be positioned to expand its impact in central Texas and

continue to focus on efficiency and quality care. In the meantime, Planned Parenthood in Austin and Waco will continue to be guided by separate Boards of Directors.

More than ever, our communities rely on Planned Parenthood to provide quality health care and education to uninsured Texans. The current political attacks on Planned Parenthood have only deepened Planned Parenthood's commitment to continued growth and ability to provide health care and education to the 45,000 central Texans who depend on us.

Planned Parenthood has been a key part of the community safety net in both Austin and Waco for more than 70 years and is committed to continuing to serve this vital role in the decades ahead.

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2011 Dinner with Anna Quindlen

Planned Parenthood's annual *Choice for Generations Dinner* will be held at the Renaissance Austin Hotel on Sunday, November 6, 2011. Individual tickets are \$300 and table sponsorships begin at \$3,000. The event includes dinner and keynote address by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, Anna Quindlen. Doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner will begin promptly at 6 p.m. To purchase tickets or a sponsorship, visit ppaustin.org or call Cyndi Hughes at 512-276-8081.

Support for the 2011 *Choice for Generations Dinner*, Planned Parenthood's signature annual benefit, makes it possible for Planned Parenthood to provide high quality health care and education to more than 33,000 women, men and adolescents annually at three Austin health centers.

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