

Safe Haven

With your support,
abortion access in
California and Nevada
is protected





Letter From PPMM CEO Stacy Cross

Dear Friends,

When the U.S. Supreme Court recently heard a case on Mississippi's 15-week abortion ban, one thing became very clear: The future of abortion rights is bleak.



Whether the court rules this spring to overturn *Roe v. Wade* entirely or just upholds the Mississippi law, as is likely, at least 40 million people in the U.S. of reproductive age will be living in states that are hostile to their ability to choose whether or not to give birth.

But not here. Not in Nevada or California, safe haven states where people can turn no matter what SCOTUS decides. And PPMM has been preparing.

In fact, we've already helped people from other states. You can read about one patient's story on page 2.

Your past support is also increasing our capacity to help people who must travel for abortion care. On page 6, read about our plans for Reno and three California health centers.

Then, on page 8 you can read about our upcoming virtual event series: *Access is Non-Negotiable*. We know a right in name only doesn't help anyone, expanding access to health care is the key.

Thank you for being a part of the Planned Parenthood Mar Monte family. We're headed into uncharted territory, but because of you, we are fighting back harder than ever before.

With gratitude,

Stacy Cross
President & CEO

We're here for whoever needs us

Your generosity means people
can access safe abortion care



Your support of Planned Parenthood Mar Monte means that when people need health care they have a safe, respectful place to go to get the care they choose, including safe and legal abortion – even if they have to come here from another state.

In fact, over the past year, Planned Parenthood health centers across California, including those within the Mar Monte affiliate, have treated more than 7,000 patients from other states – most of whom received abortions.

One of those patients, “Stefanie,” came to one of our Bay Area health centers from Texas. Her story could have been much different, and much more dangerous, without your generous donations.

Stefanie attends a large university in Texas and had tried to find abortion care near her campus, less than a week after SB 8 had been enacted – but her pregnancy was just a few days past the six-week limit.

She was able to scrape together enough money to fly to California, where she knew she could stay with relatives and come to your local Planned Parenthood for her health care.

You made sure that she didn’t have to resort to options like the one that Muriel was forced to choose before *Roe* was decided in 1973.

Muriel was a loving mother of six children when she learned she was pregnant. She and her husband knew they couldn’t have another child. Muriel had to leave the country to get an abortion, and she nearly lost her life.



Muriel with one of her young children.

"It wasn't until I got home that I realized something was wrong," Muriel said. "I remember thinking - if I die, I will leave six children without a mother."

She was rushed to the emergency room where doctors were scared to treat her - providing care to a person who'd had an illegal abortion could cost them their medical licenses. But Muriel survived.

Today, she feels privileged. She had the resources to leave the country to get an abortion. And, despite the circumstances, she got the help she needed when it all went wrong.

Stories like Stefanie's and Muriel's are the reason Planned Parenthood Mar Monte staff step up every day to treat every patient who walks through our doors.

Thanks to you, our doors are open, no matter what. ■

You can hear more of Muriel's incredible story at
ppmarmonte.org/match





Coming soon: A new flagship health center in Reno

Thanks to you, care at PPMM is expanding

Thanks to your support, Planned Parenthood Mar Monte is growing. In Reno, we've recently purchased land to build a new flagship health center. We're relocating our West Oakland and Visalia health centers to increase the number of patients we can accommodate. And we're building a new high-complexity lab and training center at our new health center in San Jose that will support all patients and providers across our affiliate.

Reno's new state-of-the-art health center will have increased space for abortion services - at 8,400 square feet it will be more than twice the size of our existing site.

Scheduled to open in late 2022, it will be conveniently located near the Reno airport and other transportation hubs, making it an ideal location for local and out-of-state patients.

As a supporter of Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, your local Planned Parenthood, you know Nevada has historically struggled with abortion-provider shortages, so providing on-site abortion care in Reno will help us better provide for our patients in Nevada - and anyone who may need to travel here from other states to exercise their reproductive rights.

In San Jose, you've helped us turn plans into action to convert a recently purchased building so that we can relocate an existing health center. The new building will house a new flagship training center as well as an expanded laboratory to support high complexity tests for patients and providers throughout California and Nevada.

This expansion will help PPMM significantly ramp up our capacity to provide training for more clinicians to be trained as abortion care providers, especially since abortion bans in other states often accompany abortion training bans for health care providers.

You're also helping us relocate our West Oakland health center to a site that will be 4,000 square feet larger while still remaining in the center of a local transit hub. This will give us more capacity to treat patients in the community as well as those coming from out of state for abortion care.

In Visalia, the health center will expand care in one of our "abortion deserts," large areas or regions where there are no abortion providers within 50 miles. Currently, patients who live in or near Visalia must travel to Fresno or Bakersfield for abortion services.

All of these changes - increasing the number of patients we can accommodate at individual health centers, improving accessibility by transit, and enhancing patient experience - are thanks to you. ■



2022 VIRTUAL EVENT SERIES **ACCESS IS NON-NEGOTIABLE**

Planned Parenthood Mar Monte is pleased to invite you to our **Access Is Non-Negotiable Virtual Event Series**. *Roe v. Wade* has guaranteed a woman’s right to an abortion in this country for over 50 years but we have seen that the relentless state-level restrictions on this right has proven that access is what is truly at stake. The *Roe* decision is in grave danger and whether it’s gutted or falls entirely, at least 40 million people in 26 states may lose the right to abortion in their home state.

As safe haven states, California and Nevada are likely to see huge increases in out-of-state patients seeking care. PPMM is gearing up by building new health centers and increasing our operations. We invite you to join in that effort by attending one or all of our virtual events. Your support will ensure that PPMM can provide care - no matter what - to our community and anyone who comes to California and Nevada seeking care.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Virtual Event Series:

Roe v. Wade Luncheon

Friday, January 21, 2022 | Noon
Featured Speaker Professor Michele B. Goodwin
Award-winning author, advocate, and social commentator

Peninsula Breakfast

Friday, March 11, 2022 | 8:30 a.m.
Featured Speaker to be announced

Capital Dinner

Thursday, May 19, 2022 | 6:30 p.m.
Featured Speaker to be announced

We can’t wait to highlight the amazing work you make possible, and the stories you inspire.

Reserve your single event ticket, series ticket, or sponsorship at:

bit.ly/PPMM-Access2022

Questions? Email events@ppmarmonte.org
or call 408.795.3780

5 Things You Can Do Now

1. DONATE

You can make a donation today to support PPMM's mission: ppmarmonte.org/donate-today or call us at (408) 795-3780

2. JOIN THE FIGHT FOREVER

You can join the fight to protect sexual and reproductive health - forever - by including PPMM in your will or trust at ppmarmonte.org/legacy

2. VOLUNTEER

Join hundreds of volunteers across PPMM who support our mission daily: ppmarmonte.org/volunteer

3. SHARE YOUR STORY

Inspire others by sharing your experience with Planned Parenthood's health services, education programs, and/or advocacy with our story collectors at ppmarmonte.org/my-story

5. JOIN PPMM'S EVENT SERIES

Purchase a single ticket, a series ticket, or become a sponsor of the Access Is Non-Negotiable Virtual Event Series at bit.ly/PPMM-Access2022

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