Women Have Options is turning 20! WHO/O will host an anniversary art and fundraising gala on Thursday, October 4, at local winery, Signature Wines, in Columbus. We are inviting all friends, supporters, neighbors, and art-lovers to share an evening with us celebrating abortion access in Ohio, art for social change, and wine. The event will include a cash wine bar, light appetizers, an art/wine raffle, and a toast to 20 years of Women Have Options and our amazing founder, Emily Rutherford.

The evening will feature an art exhibit by Illinois-based artist and activist Heather Ault. Her nationally touring exhibit, 4000 Years for Choice, develops visual narratives about the practices of contraception and abortion around the world throughout history. The project celebrates, inspires, and empowers women and men in their reproductive lives. We are proud to bring Heather’s art to Columbus for the first time. Come see art, buy art, and celebrate the reproductive roots of abortion and contraception!

We would like to thank our host committee for supporting this event:

Peggy Anderson  Susan Karian  Lydia Strauss
Kay Bork  Danielle Smith  Sandy Theis
Larry Hayman  Stephanie Craddock Sherwood  Judith Thomas
Terrie Hubbard  Anita Waters

Join us on Thursday, October 4, from 5:30–7:30pm. Signature Wines is located at 3816 April Lane, Columbus, Ohio 43227. Tickets are $30 and may be purchased online via our website (click on Donate Now and make a $30 donation using Network for Good) or via cash or check at the door.

If you have questions, please email info@womenhaveoptions.org.
### Donor’s Corner

Laura Bidwa got involved with Women Have Options when a friend recruited her to participate in the 2011 bowl-a-thon. She appreciates the straightforward nature of our funding mission: "I really like that WHO/O doesn’t bury recipients in paperwork to get the support that they need."

She emphasizes that we have to empower each woman to shape her own experiences, even when making difficult decisions regarding pregnancy and child-rearing. We're thankful for all the intelligent, thoughtful donors like Laura Bidwa who join us in helping women afford their reproductive choices!

### In Memory of Phyllis Shwartz

Women Have Options notes with sadness the death of Phyllis Shwartz in May of this year. Phyllis was involved with many community groups promoting women's rights and reproductive freedom. She and her late husband, Myron, arrived years ago at a WHO/O event with a most generous check, becoming our first “major donor.” The entire pro-choice community will miss her energy and commitment.
Bowl-a-Thon a Huge Success!

A huge thank you to the sponsors, team captains, bowlers, and donors who made the 3rd annual Women Have Options Bowl-a-Thon a tremendous success! Together we raised more than $27,000 for abortion access in Ohio—that’s $12,000 over our original goal!

Lawmakers have done everything in their power to take choices away from Ohio’s women. On April 29, we stood up defiantly and gave women their choices back. Throughout the month of April, abortion funds around the country participated in the National Abortion Access Bowl-a-Thon organized by the National Network of Abortion Funds (NNAF). WHO/O joined the fun with 31 teams made up of 161 bowlers from around the state. Teams representing Planned Parenthood of Central Ohio, Denison University Students for Choice, VOX at OSU, Women Have Options board members, and others joined us to celebrate choice and strike down financial barriers to abortion access. Our bowl-a-thon was more than a great fundraiser: it was a great way to build community, bringing together progressive people who support women’s equality.

Read more about the bowl-a-thon on our blog.

WHO/O receives NNAF’s award for
Most Impressive Advocacy
Read more about the 2012 Summit on our blog

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Please join us in our commitment to women’s lives and futures. Your tax-deductible contribution enables women in our community to get help when they need it. Any amount is appreciated! Please send your contribution to:

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