



Women Have Options supports reproductive choice for all women

Fall 2013

The “SuperFund” Award

We are thrilled to share that we received the “SuperFund” Award at this year’s National Network of Abortion Funds annual summit! This award recognized the fund that had exhibited exceptional organizational development, increased organizational capacity, and cultivated leadership. We have definitely been busy growing. We are working under a three-year strategic plan, overhauled our bylaws, and approved significant new policies on clinic funding criteria, conflicts of interest, the use of social media, and a variety of internal processes. We held training on non-profit board responsibilities and created the officer position of vice chair—welcome to Adrienne Gavula, our new vice chair!

We think our board of directors is one of the strongest around. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact us. If you are interested in supporting a well-run organization, then you can be confident that your donation to Women Have Options will be used to maximum benefit.

Know Your Reproductive Rights? Prove it! Trivia Night Fundraiser

Wednesday, November 6, 2013

6:00 – 8:00pm

Brother’s Drake Meadery, 26 East Fifth Avenue, Columbus
\$25 admission, cash or check at the door OR pay online at
www.womenhaveoptions.org by making a \$25 donation

Raffle prizes, themed drinks, prizes, happy hour until 7pm,
light appetizers, food truck eats, and more!

A portion of all bar sales will benefit WHO/O. Flex your trivia muscles
while helping Ohio women afford their reproductive choices!

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Stories of the Women You Have Helped

*Megan

Megan had just escaped from an abusive relationship. When she was finally able to leave, she took her children and moved in with her father. Megan had no income to pay for her procedure. Her family and friends contributed what they could, but Megan was still short. Your donation filled the gap and helped Megan and her family get back on their feet.

*Eva

Eva was a full-time student and an intern, young, unmarried, and without children. Her pregnancy was a result of rape. She was nearing graduation and hopeful that the trauma of her assault would fade with time. She did not have enough money to pay for the abortion she wanted very much. Thank you for helping Eva afford the healthcare she needed.

*Sarah

Sarah found out she was pregnant shortly after her husband of 16 years left her. Sarah's daughter was living with her grandmother while Sarah was staying with a friend, trying desperately to save enough money to rent an apartment so her family could be together again. Paying for an abortion was impossible, yet adding to the family she was struggling to keep together was too. Your support helped Sarah get her daughter back and life on track.

*Denise

Denise was a single mother of three children. Like many of the women we help, she had finished high school but couldn't find a job that pays more than minimum wage and received no child support. She was enrolled in school, taking two classes at a time to finish her degree in the healthcare field. Denise's mother helped pay for her abortion, but she still came up short. Your contribution helped Denise make the decision she thought was best for her and her family.

*All names have been changed.

Clinics Are Closing: Abortion Access in Jeopardy

In May, several harmful anti-choice provisions were added to the state budget. The provisions, which have since become law, 1) prohibited public hospitals from establishing transfer agreements with abortion clinics, making these required agreements sometimes impossible to obtain in order to force clinics to close; 2) funded "crisis pregnancy centers" with state dollars; and 3) reprioritized family planning funding so that family planning specialists like Planned Parenthood go to the end of the line.

On May 29, board member Angie Shyrigh testified before the Ohio Senate Finance Committee in opposition to these measures. Angie delivered our testimony on how abortion access in Ohio is already highly restrictive, and how these measures would create additional barriers to access.

When Angie completed her testimony and returned to her seat, an aide of one of the senators sitting on the committee delivered a \$100 personal check from the

senator. The senator was so inspired by our testimony that she was moved to donate in the middle of the committee hearing inside the statehouse!

You can read our entire testimony at our website. Go to www.womenhaveoptions.org and find the Newsletters and Publications section under About Us.

Although we were pleasantly surprised by receiving a donation in response to our testimony before the legislature, the situation facing clinics in Ohio is serious. Abortion access is being restricted in new and insidious ways, as clinics are being forced to close by malicious regulations whose only purpose is to make it impossible for them to operate.

Two clinics have already closed this summer—one in Toledo, another in Cleveland. And more clinics are expected to close, restricting abortion access even further for women without means to overcome additional barriers.

2013 Bowl-A-Thon by the Numbers

- Sponsors: 15
- Teams: 20
- Bowlers: 112
- Number of donations: 612
- Range of donations: \$3 - \$500
- Average donation: \$72
- Median donation: \$25
- Most common donation: \$25
- Farthest donation: Nairobi, Kenya
- Number of people who raised at least \$150: 60
- Number of people who raised at least \$500: 10
- Bowlers: 112
- **Total raised: \$23,100+**



You did it! You helped strike down barriers to abortion access by raising more than \$23,100 for Women Have Options! Whether you were a sponsor, team captain, bowler, or donor, you have made a difference in someone's life. Thank you.



Get Involved - Host a House Party

Help us raise awareness—and funds—by hosting a house party. Put simply, plan a gathering and invite your friends and pro-choice network to learn about Women Have Options. One of our board members will attend and share information about our work as an abortion fund and what is happening with clinics in Ohio. For details, please contact us at info@womenhaveoptions.org.

We are going digital!

We are transitioning to an e-newsletter. To ensure we have your current email address, please send an email with your name and current email address to info@womenhaveoptions.org.

Help us save on printing and mailing costs, so your donations go further. Thanks!

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Justice requires that all women be able to make personal decisions about childbearing.

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:

Women Have Options, P.O. Box 5, Granville, OH 43023

Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____

- I would like more information about WHO/O.
- I would like to help with special events.
- Add my friend's name and address to your mailing list: _____

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*Contributions to WHO/O can be made through **United Way** by choosing the Donor Option and naming Women Have Options to receive your dollars. You can also make donations directly on our website (womenhaveoptions.org) using the Network for Good, or by joining our cause on Facebook.*