Clinic Update

Ohio is starting to really feel the effect of the 2012 anti-choice budget legislation. If you remember, that law made it illegal for public hospitals to enter into transfer agreements with abortion clinics. Those medically-unnecessary transfer agreements are required by Ohio law, unless the Ohio Department of Health grants an individual clinic a waiver.

Since becoming law, we are seeing clinics forced to stop providing abortion services. Center for Choice in Toledo closed. The remaining clinic in Toledo, Capital Care, is appealing to the Ohio Department of Health. Women’s Medical Center of Cincinnati was forced to stop providing abortion care after a lengthy court battle. Now, Planned Parenthood in Cincinnati is being ordered by The Ohio Department of Health to stop providing abortion care. If ODH does not grant them a waiver, Cincinnati will become the largest metropolitan area in the country without direct access to an abortion provider.

In August, Columbus-based Complete Healthcare for Women decided, after 40 years, to stop offering surgical abortions. It is not clear what prompted this decision, as the clinic was not under threat of closure for lack of a transfer agreement. The pro-choice community suspects the clinic operators made the decision in part due to harassment from anti-choice protestors.

Women Have Options needs your help more than ever to support Ohioans who choose abortion. With these closures, more patients must travel farther to exercise their choice, incurring more and more incidental expenses, on top of the cost of the abortion procedure. Please help Ohio women afford the reproductive health care they need and deserve by sending a donation today.
Bowl-A-Thon by the Numbers

Sponsors: 9  
Teams: 11  
Bowlers: 83  
Range of donations: $3 - $500  
Average donation: $25  
Number of people who raised at least $150: 38  
Number of people who raised at least $500: 9  
Total raised: $15,096.00

A great big THANK YOU to our generous Bowl-a-Thon supporters. Whether you were a sponsor, team captain, bowler, or donor, you made a difference in someone’s life. Thank you.

Stories of the Women You Have Helped

*Chantal
Is a 15-year-old who wants to complete her education and go to college. She lives with her mom and five siblings who exist on public assistance. Her partner is incarcerated and his family is anti-abortion.

*Maddy
Our WHO bowling team raised money two years ago for a cause that is important to me. A situation like this coming full circle shows me how absolutely important it is to give support to things important to you. Thank you, WHO, for helping me when I absolutely needed it most. Women do have options thanks to organizations like yours. It’s difficult to articulate my gratitude, my family’s gratitude. You make the world a better place. Please continue to help women in need.

*Mei
This assistance helped keep a child out of being hungry or without basic needs. It saved me from failing as a parent.

*Faye
I would like to say thank you to everyone that makes this possible. I made a very ill-advised mistake, and I am so grateful to have an opportunity to correct it. I am going to college with less stress and a more promising future.

*Names have been changed to ensure confidentiality.

*Deb
Thank you so much for your assistance. I was recently offered my dream job after five months of unemployment and a child was just not in the plans. I can move into this next chapter of my life knowing I made the right decision and was assisted financially by someone who helped give me another chance. Once I am generating an income again, I will donate to an organization like this one. Thank you.
Ways to Support WHO/O Everyday!

We invite you to support Women Have Options through these programs. Every amount counts. Sometimes the difference between choice and no choice is only $10.

**Kroger Community Rewards**

WHO/O is now in the Kroger Community Rewards Program, which means that by shopping at Kroger and using your Kroger Plus Card, you can donate to Women Have Options! Follow these simple steps:

- Visit krogercommunityrewards.com
- Sign in if you have an account or create one
- Click enroll
- You can type Women Have Options or enter our number: 34940
- Choose Women Have Options and click enroll

And remember to renew your enrollment each April!

**Amazon Smile**

You can also support WHO/O each time you make a purchase from Amazon.com! Follow these steps:

- Visit http://smile.amazon.com/
- Sign into your amazon.com account
- Type “Women Have Options” into the “Pick your own” line
- Click “Select” next to our name, and you’re done!

When you shop in the future, be sure to check you are on smile.amazon.com to ensure Amazon will send donations to WHO/O!

**Taco or Beer for Choice**

It’s sweeping the nation! Join RH Reality Check writer Andrea Grimes, WHO/O Board members, and countless abortion fund supporters across the country in supporting choice by eating a taco or drinking a beer (or both!) and donating to Women Have Options. It’s that simple.

WHO/O supporters at Taco Tuesday at The Kitchen in support of the #TacoOrBeerChallenge.
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 1611, Columbus, OH 43216

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:

Name __________________________________________ Telephone ______________________________

Address ________________________________________ City / State / Zip______________________

Email _______________________________________

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