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NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET

by Susan Buchanan, Executive Director

It was with anxiety, then relief, that we watched Congress debate and fail to replace or repeal the Affordable Care Act. Women's Health has been on the front lines of many of the changes that resulted from this landmark legislation. For low income and uninsured people, the ACA was a blessing. From the standpoint of the healthcare marketplace, it has been transformational.

Prior to the ACA expansion of Medicaid eligibility and affordable options on the Marketplace, only 15% of our patients utilized health insurance. **Now that number is 60%! However, we still must highly subsidize healthcare services for uninsurable patients, teens and others who cannot use their insurance because of confidentiality concerns, as well as the underinsured, who can't afford their large deductibles**

or co-pays. Governmental funding and support from individual donors and foundations enables us to provide care on a sliding fee scale to these patients.

Unfortunately, funding for the Title X federal family planning program is in danger of being eliminated or "repurposed" during the FY 2018 appropriations process this Fall. Title X is the only federal program dedicated solely to family planning and reproductive health care. **The FY18 Labor-HHS bill approved by the House Appropriations Committee in July takes funding for Title X from \$286.5 million to \$0.**

If approved in the Senate, this will have a significant financial impact on Women's Health and our ability to serve the 40% of



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our patients in need of subsidized care.

We are watching the upcoming budget process closely and will be prepared to address whatever the outcome may be. Together with your help, we will continue to assure that the people who need us most will continue to receive the high quality reproductive and sexual health services they deserve. ❖

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IGNITE THE RUNWAY

A FASHION REVOLUTION

Join the Resistance at CONDOM COUTURE: Ignite the Runway *A Fashion Revolution*

The fifth annual **Condom Couture** is going to be a fashion revolution, featuring an exciting live auction and high-energy runway show. Showcasing condom-inspired fashions created by local designers and community members, Condom Couture brings people together with a healthy dose of curiosity, creativity, and passion for fashion while raising critical funds for the mission of Women's Health.

New Location! Open Bar!

This year's event will be held at the **Boulder JCC** (near Arapahoe and 63rd). This new state of the art facility features easy access and ample free parking. Attendees will find familiar favorites like the Condom Couture **photo booth** complete with condom props, as well as new highlights such as an **open bar** featuring beer, wine, a Women's Health signature cocktail, and more!

Our favorite auctioneer, Don Martin, will take the stage as



the evening continues with a fun game of **Heads or Tails**—the winner will leave with \$500 cash! Don will then lead the audience through our riveting **Live Auction**, packed with unique vacation experiences, relaxing mountain getaways, and the longtime favorite "Best Bites of Boulder" package. Then, prepare to be amazed by a high-energy **runway fashion show**, with models strutting their stuff to creatively raise awareness for a great cause.

Now, more than ever, we need your support to continue providing quality, affordable sexual and reproductive health care to everyone, regardless of income. We are committed to standing strong in the face of looming federal budget cuts to Title X and unrest in the health insurance marketplace. Join us and **be part of the resistance!**❖

CONDOM COUTURE: Ignite the Runway Saturday, October 7

Register today
on our website:
boulderwomenshealth.org

VIP, General Admission
and Student tickets
available.

BONUS!
Get \$5 off your ticket
price when you register
online and use the
coupon code *newsletter*.

New Members and a New Logo for SHAPE

SHAPE is the Women's Health peer education group focused on educating youth about all types of contraception, STIs (sexually transmitted infections), and general sexual health. SHAPE (Sexual Health Awareness & Peer Education) was founded in 2002 as a youth-directed peer ed program. High-school aged members are trained in sexual health and prevention and, in turn, educate others through classroom presentations in local middle and high schools, outreach events in the community, lobbying at the state capitol, and one-to-one interactions with their peers.



This year, we'll have a group of 15 SHAPERs from schools throughout Boulder County, including **Boulder High School, Fairview, Watershed School, Peak to Peak Charter School, Monarch High School, and Boulder Universal School.** SHAPERs will kick off the school year with their annual **Fall Retreat**, Sept. 22-24 in Estes Park. Trainings will focus on team building, contraception, STIs, healthy relationships, consent, diversity, and how to be overall healthy young people.

An exciting highlight this year is an update to our 15-year-old **SHAPE logo!** Replacing the previous red AIDS ribbon logo, the new logo uses speech bubbles to illustrate the primary purpose of SHAPE -- reaching out, talking to and educating others -- and incorporates the colors of the Women's Health and Teen Clinic logos and websites. Special thanks to graphic designer **Brittany Befort**, who volunteered her time and talents to create the new logo. ❖

THANK YOU TO OUR PIIE INTERNS



Abi Whitmore and Jessica Yan.

For the past several years, Women's Health has been fortunate to host a summer intern from the University of Colorado's PIIE (Public Interest Internship Experience) program. This year, we had two!

These two young women were powerhouses, contributing to our Women's Health

Development Team and Special Events planning.

Abi Whitmore is a Senior majoring in International Affairs and French. According to Abi, "I feel like I reached a new level of understanding when it comes to reproductive justice. Before this internship, I thought of myself as a reproductive justice warrior, without having a clear understanding of all that providing that care encompassed. Now, I feel like I can go out into the world as an informed advocate."

Jessica Yan, a Junior majoring in Information Management in the Leeds School of Business, says, "Working at Women's Health has truly been one of the most transformative professional experiences of my life. Having the opportunity to work alongside truly diverse and passionate individuals has taught me so much about the nonprofit world."

Thank you, Abi and Jessica, for all you contributed to Women's Health! ❖

LET'S TALK ABOUT SEX!

Did you know that Women's Health provides presentations for parents? Our "Let's Talk About Sex" presentations, aimed at parents of 6th-9th graders, give parents the tools and resources to have "the talk" and keep the conversation going!

If interested in attending or hosting a presentation, please see www.boulderwomenshealth.org/parent-presentations

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