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Remembering Dr. Tiller



Dear Friends,

On June 4, I joined with more than 100 pro-choice supporters and health care providers gathered to honor Dr. George Tiller on the State House lawn in Concord.

At the vigil, I read the names of shooting and bombing victims--a total of 20 people killed and injured, starting with Dr. Tiller and working back in time to the first person killed in 1993, Dr. David Gunn.

Frankly, I had a hard time keeping my composure when I read Dr. Tiller's name a second time—he had been shot in both his arms in 1993—but went on to continue to provide abortion services for women from all around the country for another 16 years.

Along with the courageous and capable health care providers in New Hampshire, we are proud to support women's right to choose and access to abortion care services. Like Dr. Tiller, we in the pro-choice community will not be daunted.

Thank you so much for your continued support during these difficult times,

Pilar Olivo, NPCNH Board Chair

P.S. For more on the pattern of violence, go to www.prochoicenh.org.

Times are changing at NARAL Pro-Choice New Hampshire, as we are in the midst of an executive transition. Grace LeClair decided to pursue an opportunity to work with her daughter and we are thankful for her service to the pro-choice community. The boards of NPCNH and NPCNH Foundation are providing a tremendous amount of support to the daily operations. We welcome your input on what is most important to you during this time of transition. Please email us at board@prochoicenh.org with your thoughts and questions.

Thanks so much,

Pilar Olivo
NPCNH board chair

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Monica Ciolfi
NPCNH Foundation board chair

State House Watch

by Casey McCabe, Organizer

The 2009 Legislature session was a great success for choice. Four anti-choice bills were introduced into the House and all were defeated by very strong margins and bi-partisan efforts. The public hearing on the two parental notification bills provided the clearest and most compelling explanation of the critical role that reproductive health care providers play in supporting young women that I have ever heard. A New Hampshire woman poignantly described how she had been an abused teen and an abortion provider had been her safety net. What a powerful and moving story!



NPCNH Foundation News — Keene Students Investigate Local Crisis

This spring, NPCNH Foundation worked closely with a Keene Woman's Studies Capstone class to explore the history of birth control, politics and policy regarding reproductive rights, and the overall social context of choice in today's world. For this project, two Keene seniors Stacey-Lynne Earley and Casey Winslow decided to compare the information from the local CareNet Clinic and the local Planned Parenthood clinic. They visited both clinics, compared websites, and interviewed the executive director of the CareNet Clinic. They found large discrepancies in the accuracy and scope of information. For example, the CareNet executive director spoke of 'choices' and how at CareNet they believe in choice,

but from the website and the informational pamphlets provided, it is clear that abortion is not a choice they agreed with, and they even provide misleading information. On balance, Stacey and Casey found that Planned Parenthood provided balanced and more accurate information about the full range of options available to young women.

Stacey and Casey then took all of this information and presented it to their college campus in a talk called "our bodies, Ourselves," attended by over 100 Keene students. NPCNH Foundation is so proud to be able to work so closely with these curious and resourceful young women!



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Question 1:

For how many years has abortion been a legal procedure in New Hampshire?

- A. 52
- B. 36
- C. 14
- D. 2

Question 2:

What percentage of American women have had an abortion by the time they reach age 45?

- A. 7%
- B. 19%
- C. 23%
- D. 43%

Question 3:

How many clinics are there in NH that will provide abortion services to the general public?

- A. 20
- B. 17
- C. 10
- D. 5

Question 4:

What are the ages of NARAL Pro-Choice NH's current oldest and youngest volunteer?

- A. 16 & 48
- B. 5 & 88
- C. 25 & 68
- D. 48 & 78

Answers: Question 1: B. 36, Question 2: D. 43%, Question 3: D. 5, Question 4: B. Ruby Wilson-Olivo (age 5) and Mary Lou Sayer (age 88) are great mail volunteers!