

## TRAINING THOSE WHO TEACH SEX ED

Our sexuality education team is in the midst of a 6-month long training that provides 38 teachers from across the state the knowledge and skills to deliver high-quality sexuality education to youth.

The 2011 Sexuality Education Residency kicked off in June with a four-day intensive training, and now program participants are practicing their skills in the classroom, with guidance from teachers and community educators across the state.

In addition to training and working directly with youth, teachers are required to attend seminars that provide additional resources and guidance. The first seminar, which took place mid-September, was on curriculum selection, evidence based programs and reproductive justice.

Future seminar topics include: advocacy strategies and skills; abortion, reproductive justice and rhetoric; sexual violence and exploitation; and gender identity and sexual orientation.

We continue to be the only organization in the nation providing teachers truly comprehensive sexuality education training that meets the needs of our youth.



*Teachers and staff at the 2011 Sexuality Education Residency training.*

We couldn't do this work without the support of over 12 community partners throughout the state that co-facilitate topics during our training and seminars as well as mentor program participants.

For more information about our Sexuality Education Residency, please contact Karen Law at [Karen@birdsandbees.org](mailto:Karen@birdsandbees.org).

### **AFTER-ABORTION SUPPORT**

Our next after-abortion discussion and support group begins the week of Oct 17th and runs for 6 weeks from 6-8pm.

We will meet at our office in downtown Minneapolis. Email Nikki Madsen at [nikki@birdsandbees.org](mailto:nikki@birdsandbees.org) or call 612-825-2000 for more information.

### **NINE YEARS OF SERVICE**

After 9 years of service, Jane M. Skogstrom is leaving our board. Jane has served in many roles over the years, and her dedication is greatly appreciated. She will join our distinguished list of Board Members Emeriti. **Thank you, Jane!**



## We're Published!

Pro-Choice Resources, in collaboration with The University of Minnesota's Prevention Research Center, recently published an article in the September 2011 edition of *American Journal of Sexuality Education* called "Beyond the Call of Duty: A Qualitative Study of Teachers' Additional Responsibilities Related to Sexuality Education."

Several focus groups were conducted with sexuality educators in Minnesota to explore ways that teaching sexuality education differs from teaching other health education content with the goal of determining sexuality educators' needs.

Teachers identified numerous additional responsibilities associated to teaching sexuality education, and findings suggest that Minnesota teachers often go above and beyond their usual tasks to provide quality sexuality education for their students, both in and out of the classroom.

The full article can be downloaded at [http://bit.ly/teacher\\_research](http://bit.ly/teacher_research) or for more information please contact Nikki Madsen at [nikki@birdsandbees.org](mailto:nikki@birdsandbees.org).



## Another Blue Ribbon Year at the Minnesota State Fair

A huge thanks to all the volunteers who staffed our booth at the Great Minnesota Get Together! Because of you we handed out over 10,000 condoms-on-sticks, engaged over 12,000 Fair attendees, and secured nearly 800 petition signatures to stop bans on abortion coverage!

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**Thank you!**

## Get Ready to Be Bowled Over

Get out your biggest and brightest marker, go to your calendar, circle **March 14th and 15th, 2012** and write **BOWL-ATHON** in big, bold letters.

That's right bowling buddies, we're gearing up for our community's best sexuality rights fundraiser. It's time to start assembling your teams, practicing your cheers, creating costumes and preparing for AWESOMENESS.

**Registration opens January 17, 2012.**

**Visit [www.prochoiceresources.org](http://www.prochoiceresources.org) for info!**



## One Hour, Three Women: A Snapshot of Abortion Funding

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We received a call from Bianca who is 10 weeks pregnant as a result of sexual violence. She's deeply depressed and having suicidal thoughts. Bianca decided to end the pregnancy. She was able to come up with \$500 to pay for the procedure by delaying bills and pawning electronics. But then she received an overdue notice from the electric company. If she paid the bill and kept her lights on, she wouldn't have enough money to pay for her abortion. Bianca didn't know what to do – until she called us.

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Heather is also a survivor of sexual violence, and as a result, she's pregnant with twins. Heather's husband left her a year ago, and she's already struggling to provide for herself and her five children. She lives paycheck to paycheck and has no room for extra expenses. Heather didn't know where she was going to come up with the money – then she called us.

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Nevaeh was living in her car when she found out she was pregnant. When she thought she had enough money together to pay for an abortion, she went to the clinic only to be told she

was much further than she thought. Nevaeh knew she couldn't support a child. She didn't know how she was going to raise an additional \$300 – until she called us.

Each week, our abortion assistance fund helps women pay for their procedures. Yet every year, policies are being enacted that make abortion less obtainable to the poor. Last year, 90% of the people we helped were living below the Federal Poverty Line.

When you donate to PCR, you help the thousands of poor women – women like Bianca, Heather and Nevaeh – who contact our fund each year.



*PCR staff Kyle Meerkins and Nikki Madsen working to find abortion funding resources for a client.*

## Stop Bans on Abortion Coverage!



During the 2011 Minnesota legislative session, anti-choice legislators voted to ban the constitutional right to choose for low-income women. They wanted to take away their ability to decide what's best for themselves and their families. They believe low-income women, many who are women of color, don't deserve the right to self-determination.

A 1995 ruling by the Minnesota Supreme Court says that if the state will pay for childbirth, it must also pay for abortion care. This means that the state's public health coverage for low-income women cannot discriminate as to which pregnancy-related services it will cover.

Simply put: medical assistance gives low-income women autonomy over their own lives and the ability to make the best decisions possible.

Sign our petition and urge our leaders to stop the war on poor Minnesotans – because all Minnesotans deserve to live their lives with dignity.



**Scan this code with your smartphone to sign the petition or visit [www.prochoiceresources.org](http://www.prochoiceresources.org).**

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## The Great Minnesota *Give Together*

What if you could help us win \$1000 just by giving 10 bucks? On November 16, Give to the Max Day, you can. And you can double your money!

A generous donor has offered a matching grant to Pro-Choice Resources (up to \$5,000). So for every dollar you give on November 16, we're getting two! Last year, supporters like you logged on to GiveMN.org and gave nearly \$10,000 – let's do it again!

### Give to the Max Day Highlights

#### Put us on the Leader Board!

\$15,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000 prize grants will be awarded to the top three nonprofit organizations (with budgets under \$750,000 a year — that's us!) who receive the most dollars during Give to the Max Day.

#### Win a Golden Ticket!

\$1,000 will be given to a random donor's charity every hour. Up at 2AM? Great, donate then! Odds will be in our favor.

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