



2011 Celebrating and Defending *Roe v Wade*

Throughout the end of January, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan staff and supporters gathered many different times to celebrate the 38th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*.

In Detroit, along with Wayne State Law Students for Reproductive Justice, we screened the film “Unplanned Democracy: America’s First Vote on Abortion.” This documentary followed the banning of abortion in South Dakota by the state government and the resulting campaign to overturn the legislation. After the film, Planned Parenthood and Wayne State Law Students for Reproductive Justice held a lively discussion about how anti-choice forces use the law to limit or eliminate women’s access to reproductive healthcare.

tions like Planned Parenthood that support expanding education and services. One attendee remarked, “I have teenage daughters and will always support Planned Parenthood because they are there to help improve sexual health.”



On *Roe*’s anniversary, more than 50 Planned Parenthood supporters and staffers gathered in Ypsilanti at the Corner Brewery for our annual Get Down for Choice event, complete with food, drinks, and a live band, The Macpodz. We also had a hearty discussion about the importance of continuing to support reproductive justice and organiza-

In addition to a good time, we also informed our supporters of the state of politics in Michigan and Washington DC. This event also provided the opportunity to tell our supporters about the Birth Control Matters campaign and gather petition signatures.

Finally, Planned Parenthood cosponsored an event organized by the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Rights in Lansing called Candles and Choice. A group of pro-choice supporters met to discuss the status of choice and to light candles in remembrance of all the people who have worked to provide access as well as all the women who have had abortions both before and after *Roe*.

The 38th anniversary of the legalization of abortion proved to be both a celebration and a serious reflection on the continued attacks on women’s right to and access to reproductive healthcare. ■

SNAPSHOTS