

Pro-Choice Washington

2022 Annual Report



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Letter from Executive Director

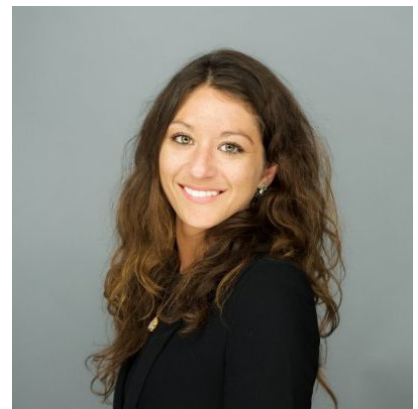
I am thrilled to share our first annual report since Pro-Choice Washington became a fully independent organization in October 2021.

When Pro-Choice Washington rebranded and relaunched as a more representative and bolder version of ourselves, it gave us the freedom to do more with our power, locally and nationally. It also enabled us to become a go-to organization for insights and reflections on the Supreme Court's June decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and upend 50 years of federal abortion protection.

Even though many of us saw it coming, the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* was a gut punch. It made our work to mend the equity gaps in abortion access more urgent than ever. As the only organization solely focused on reproductive freedom advocacy in Washington state, this year was, and is, a critical test of our capacity and our will.

Because of your support and the resilience of our staff, our volunteers, and our board, Pro-Choice Washington has weathered this unprecedented storm and come out stronger than ever.

- We were featured in more than 30 news stories and podcasts and appeared on a dozen panel discussions across the country, regarding the Supreme Court's decision and its aftermath.
- We endorsed more legislative candidates than ever before—all of whom won their primaries—and helped flip the 42nd Legislative District for the first time in 30 years.
- Together with the Seattle City Council, we helped develop a slate of essential municipal policies to protect patients and providers.
- We established the first-ever regional coalition for abortion rights, the Northwest Abortion & Gender Justice Coalition, to coordinate across states and run our Future of Abortion Campaign.
- We partnered with more than 100 local businesses that support reproductive freedom.
- We received more than \$100,000 in matching funds, which helped us bring in \$1 million this year—a first in organizational history!



KIA GUARINO
Executive Director
Pro-Choice Washington

However, this is just the beginning. We do not have the luxury of being complacent. It took generations to pass *Roe v. Wade*, and it took generations to overturn it. This work takes time, and it takes collective, sustained action.

At times, I feel overwhelmed by the casual cruelty of those who are preventing people from accessing life-saving healthcare. But then I remember that we are the majority. More than 60% of adults in Washington, and 58% of people nationally, are against the loss of federal abortion rights. We saw this in action during the midterms.

We know that protecting our freedoms in Washington is possible, but it will require the moving of political, social, and legislative mountains.

We cannot do it without you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kia', followed by a large, elegant loop.

Kia Guarino
Executive Director
Pro-Choice Washington

A Period of Growth & Opportunity



We are in a pivotal moment for reproductive freedom and justice in America. It is essential that our movement works together. By strengthening our own organization, collaborating with peers, sharing learnings and resources across organizations and states, and establishing economies of scale, we can achieve so much more. We are far more powerful as a community than we are alone.



Local: Pro-Choice Washington, an independent organization



On October 1, 2021, Pro-Choice Washington transitioned from a 45-year-old state affiliate of NARAL to a fully independent, state-based organization.



We **rebranded** and **relaunched** as a more representative and bolder organization, which has given us the freedom to do more with our power—locally and across the country.



Since independence, we have increased our revenue

by **56%** and secured **10** new grants to sustain and scale our work.



5,801

new supporters have joined our movement in the past year.



Regional: Northwest Abortion & Gender Justice Coalition



In May 2022, Pro-Choice Washington co-founded the **Northwest Abortion & Gender Justice Coalition (NWAGJC)**, which focuses on inclusion, collaboration, and community while protecting bodily autonomy and the full range of reproductive, sexual, and abortion care.



NWAGJC is made up of more than

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abortion funds, advocacy organizations, community groups, professional medical associations, and community members who are working on abortion and gender-affirming care.

The organizations cover five states:

Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington.



National: State Abortion Access Network



In November 2021, Pro-Choice Washington co-founded the State Abortion Access Network to help stabilize and sustain small, local abortion and reproductive freedom advocacy nonprofits across the country.

We are building a ground-up network to relieve operational burdens and allow essential state-based abortion activism to thrive.



Pro-Choice Washington worked with

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local abortion advocacy organizations across the country to build our organizational strategy, **launch a website**, and begin implementation.







An Overview of Our Purpose and Work

VISION	Our vision is a future where every person in Washington state has equitable access to the reproductive healthcare options they need to thrive.
MISSION	Our mission is to protect and promote every person’s right to access abortion and the full range of reproductive healthcare options affordably and equitably in Washington state through advocacy, community engagement, and education
ABOUT US	<p>Pro-Choice Washington is the only organization solely focused on political and legislative advocacy for reproductive freedom in Washington state. We believe every person deserves equitable access to affordable, unbiased, quality abortion and reproductive healthcare within their community.</p> <p>Our organization is powered by the voices of more than 26,000 members across the state who are speaking up for reproductive rights through advocacy, community engagement, and education.</p>

Pro-Choice Washington (501c4)

Pro-Choice Washington Foundation (501c3)

Pro-Choice Washington Political Action Committee (PAC)

ISSUES	 Ending Discriminatory Denials to Reproductive Healthcare	 Expanding Abortion and Contraception Access for Historically Excluded Communities
	 Raising Awareness and Funding for Equitable Abortion and Reproductive Healthcare	 Revitalizing the Reproductive Freedom Movement to be More Inclusive and Reflective of Community Needs

ACTION	Grassroots Activism	Candidate Endorsement & Support		Lawmaker Education & Accountability
	Lobbying	Community Organizing	Research	Member & Voter Education

Highlights of Our Work

October 2021 – October 2022



Over the past 12 months, we have strategically focused our work to bolster Pro-Choice Washington as a newly independent organization and to advance our key issues. The following sections share highlights of our work.

Issue: Ending Discriminatory Denials to Reproductive Healthcare

Even though abortion care is legal in Washington state, patients across Washington are still being denied critical services like abortion, reproductive, gender-affirming, and end-of-life care. One of the leading barriers to equitable health care is persistent bias and discrimination in health systems. This shows up through federal, local, and private health system policies, as well as individual actions.

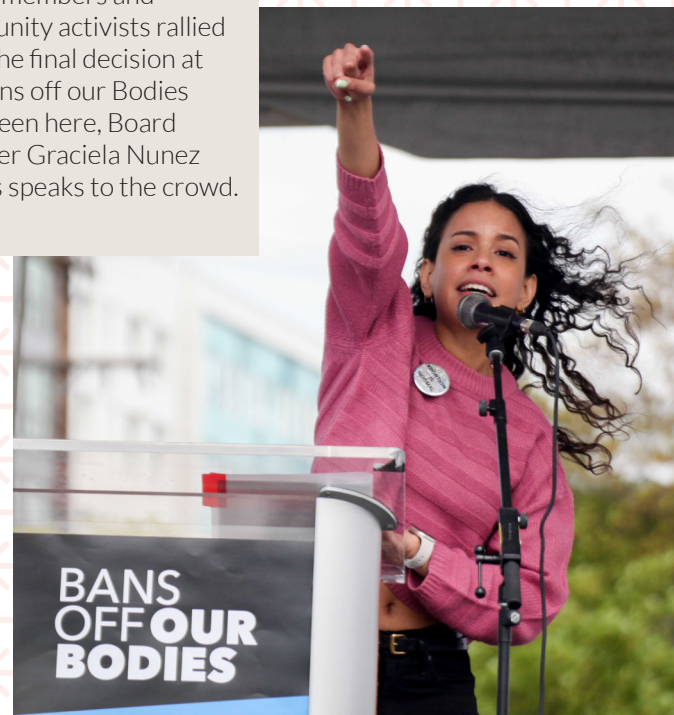
Responding to the Supreme Court Overturning *Roe v. Wade*

On June 24, the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) issued its final decision on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* (JWHO). The opinion, written by Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito, was consistent with the draft opinion leaked on May 2, and overturned the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* and the 1992 *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* decisions, which guaranteed federal constitutional abortion protections.

In the wake of this decision, Pro-Choice Washington became a go-to organization, locally and across the country, providing insight into this historic moment we:

- Co-hosted the Bans off our Bodies Rally in Seattle
- Co-designed the Northwest Abortion & Gender Justice Coalition to bring together almost 30 organizations across Alaska, Montana, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington to promote the full range of abortion and gender justice
- Hosted a coalition press conference on the impacts of the SCOTUS decision and the need for an immediate and coordinated response in Washington
- Featured in 30 local and national news stories and podcasts discussing the impacts of the SCOTUS decision on Washington and the region
- Spoke at 12 events and panels hosted by peer organizations and lawmakers locally and across the country

Board members and community activists rallied after the final decision at the Bans off our Bodies rally. Seen here, Board member Graciela Nunez Pargas speaks to the crowd.



Advancing the Keep Our Care Act

Today, 50 percent of hospital beds in Washington are in healthcare systems that deny patients reproductive, gender-affirming, and end-of-life care. The Keep Our Care Act ensures that, in the future, health systems cannot deny health care even if they are merged with or acquired by other health systems with harmful policies. The [Keep Our Care Act](#) also creates space for public comment and review of potential mergers, improving transparency to an opaque process.

In 2022, the Keep Our Care Act received its first hearing where bold patients, providers, and activists voiced their support. Lawmakers were impressed by the show of public support, which is representative of the power of our movement, coalition, and dedicated activists.

In all, 756 people signed in to support our bill, compared to only 21 sign-ins from the opposition. In 2023, we will reintroduce the Keep Our Care Act as part of a slate of bills to make sure Washington is truly a reproductive freedom state.

“In the face of the deliberate erosion of our most protective institutions, we cannot give up hope or power.”

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KIA GUARINO

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OF PRO-CHOICE WASHINGTON

Issue: Expanding Abortion and Contraception Access for Historically Excluded Communities

Washington state laws protect the legal right to abortion, but do not guarantee equitable access to abortion for every person. The leading barriers to abortion access in Washington include costs of services, structural racism and bias within healthcare systems, safety concerns, and unequal distribution of facilities and abortion providers.

Passing the Affirm Washington Abortion Access Act

With the Supreme Court decision, Washington is playing an even more critical role in providing care for people from states that ban or severely restrict abortion and gender-affirming care. The impacts of these abortion restrictions are disproportionately harmful to those who already face systemic barriers to healthcare.

While abortion is codified in Washington law, we helped pass the [Affirm Washington Abortion Access Act](#), in the face of growing national restrictions, to confirm legal abortion protections, expand who can provide abortion care, include people of all genders, and protect patient safety in Washington.



Passing Seattle City Council Bills

Cities like Seattle, with good abortion care access, are now playing an even more critical role in providing care for people from states that ban or severely restrict abortion and gender-affirming care. This year, Pro-Choice Washington worked with the **Seattle City Council to pass a slate** of model legislation that physically and legally protects providers and patients in our city that:

- Add people who have received or are seeking abortions as a protected class, ensuring their civil rights' protections.
- Create a misdemeanor charge for people who encroach on individuals seeking abortions or gender affirming care.
- Establish Seattle as a sanctuary city for those seeking abortion care and prevent Seattle Police from pursuing out-of-state warrants related to abortions.
- Secures \$250,000 of city funds to fund expanded access to reproductive healthcare through an investment in Northwest Abortion Access Fund.



Executive Director Kia Guarino joined Mayor Bruce Harrell and community partners for the signing of legislation.

“It is essential that we continue to build up the protections for patients and providers and to demonstrate the importance of safe and accessible abortion and gender-affirming care for our whole community’s wellbeing.”

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Unlocking Intersecting Barriers to Care

In addition to abortion rights, we focus on **intersectional legislation** that increases access to timely, quality abortion and reproductive healthcare. This in turn, helps build a more equitable Washington that protects all peoples’ rights, safety, and healthcare. Achieving this vision requires working closely with our partners that protect our democracy and our communities more broadly by improving health equity, voting justice, and police accountability.

In 2022, we supported:

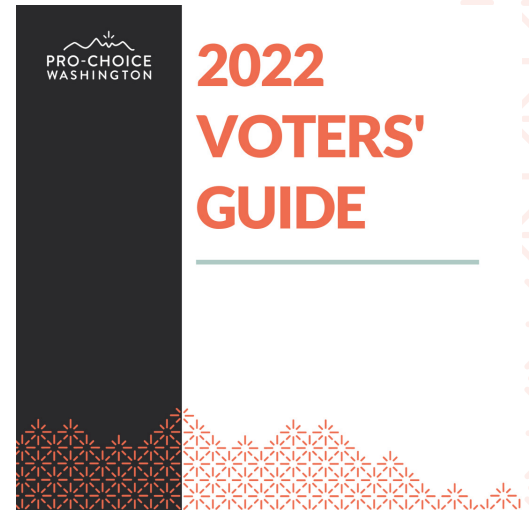
- The passage of the Health Equity for Immigrants budget request to ensure publicly funded insurance coverage regardless of immigration status. Forty-six percent of undocumented Washingtonians are uninsured, compared to seven percent of the overall population.
- The passage of the Midwife Scope of Practice to allow midwives to provide more care, which will improve provision of critical reproductive health services especially in rural and underserved communities.
- The introduction of Ranked Choice Voting, which passed this November in Seattle, and Mandated Infertility Coverage, both of which stalled at the state level in 2022. These will help strengthen democratic participation and support the full range of reproductive health services, both of which particularly impact Black and Indigenous people, and people of color more than white Washingtonians.

Electing Representative, Social Justice Candidates

Each year, Pro-Choice Washington works to elect reproductive freedom champions who will protect and promote access to abortion and the full range of reproductive care options in Washington state—at the city, county, and state levels.

We prioritize endorsing candidates in districts where the most gains can be made for abortion access by:

- Increasing the candidate's capacity to win in the most competitive swing districts where reproductive freedom champions face tough races against anti-abortion opponents;
- Building power in districts where constituents face the biggest barriers to abortion access, like long travel times to an abortion provider, a high prevalence of fake clinics, and an increase in anti-abortion and white nationalist activity; and
- Creating a representative and inclusive movement for reproductive freedom by investing in candidates of color who have lived experience with healthcare barriers.



In 2021, we prioritized districts in Spokane, Whatcom, Kitsap, Chelan, and Snohomish counties. Sixty-eight percent of endorsed candidates won their elections, including Zack Zappone for Spokane City Council, Riley Smith for Spokane School Board, Jennifer Chamberlin for Bremerton City Council, and Kristina Michele Martens for Bellingham City Council

In 2022, we endorsed and canvassed for an inspiring and representative slate of progressive candidates—all of whom [won their primaries](#). For the general election we completed even more candidate endorsements, more canvassing, and more get out the vote activities. This led to a flip of the 42nd Legislative District for the first time in more than 30 years! We also held onto the pro-abortion rights majorities in both the house and senate.

“In reality, our humanity and bodily autonomy are not up for debate. The freedom to choose when and how to become a parent is inherently life-affirming.”

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SAMI ALLOY

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF
PRO-CHOICE WASHINGTON

Issue: Raising Awareness and Funding for Equitable Abortion and Reproductive Healthcare

Pro-Choice Washington raises awareness and funding to overcome barriers to reproductive freedom. The stigma against abortion, which is a basic healthcare procedure, remains a leading and dangerous barrier to access in Washington. To counter stigma and disinformation, over the past year, Pro-Choice Washington has developed and shared conversation guides and stories, hosted community education events, and was outspoken and unapologetic about our support of abortion equity.



Holding our First Conversations for Change Event

In May 2022, we held our first 'Conversations for Change' event at The Collective Seattle, where 125 supporters joined us to learn about the state of reproductive rights following the leaked Supreme Court decision.

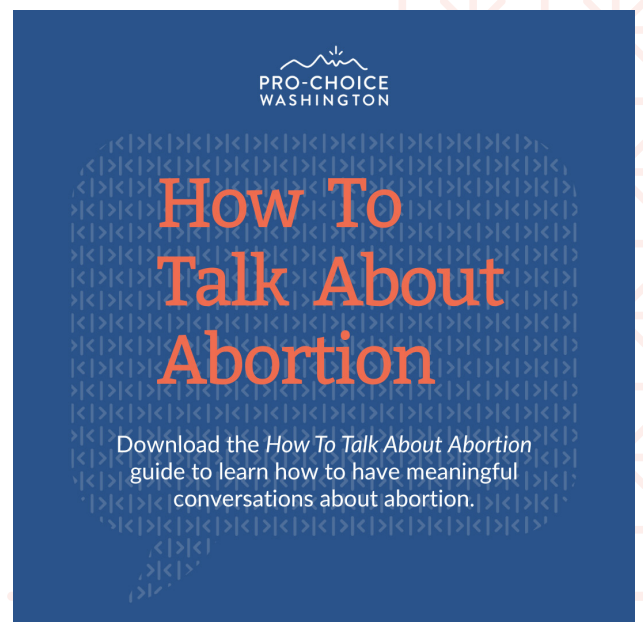
Local lawmakers, Representative Harris-Talley and Representative Thai, as well as abortion provider, Dr. Anuj Khattar, shared their experiences protecting reproductive rights, and met and mingled with attendees. In 2023, we will continue this series with a focus on how abortion rights intersect with other social and economic justice issues.

Publishing the How to Talk About Abortion Guide

In April, we published the [How to Talk About Abortion](#) guide, as a resource for anyone who wants to learn how to have meaningful conversations about abortion rights. It is more important than ever for us to speak about abortion in clear, medically accurate, and non-stigmatizing terms.

Each of us has the power to protect and promote abortion access by boldly speaking out with family, friends, and in our communities to help shift the culture around abortion.

We also held trainings for lawmakers and activists on how to use the guide in their work; published an [opinion piece in The Stranger](#) by Sami Alloy, Deputy Director at Pro-Choice Washington; and held a workshop at the University of Washington to help young activists change the narrative about abortion rights.



Launching the Future of Abortion Campaign

In October and November, Pro-Choice Washington hosted the **Future of Abortion campaign**, in collaboration with several other rights organizations. Patients and abortion providers face uncertainty and potential criminalization from abortion ban states, and through billboards in Yakima and Spokane, posters across Seattle, and social media activity, this campaign:

- Informed people living in and seeking care in Washington that our state is a sanctuary state and a place for compassionate care;
- Countered the many well-funded and increasing misinformation campaigns that aim to confuse and intimidate patients seeking legal abortion care in our state; and
- Highlighted the importance of joining the reproductive freedom movement, especially in this critical post-Roe moment.



Our campaign reached 178,000 Instagram users in Western Washington and brought nearly 1,200 visitors to the campaign web site, with a click-through rate of nearly nine percent. This demonstrates people's deep interest in the issue of abortion, and the strength of approaching this work from a place of compassion.

Advocating for Improved Data Privacy and Safety

This fall, Pro-Choice Washington, along with 60 other reproductive rights and justice organizations, called on tech giants to ensure that their private messaging platforms remain private.

The **Make DMs Safe** movement demands that tech companies—including Meta, Apple, Google, and Twitter, and other social platforms with direct messaging capabilities—immediately enact default, end-to-end encryption for private messages to prevent personal conversations about private health issues from being used to enforce dangerous laws.

Encrypting private messages not only protects people who need abortion care, but also journalists, LGBTQI+ folks, Black and Indigenous people, and other historically marginalized communities who have long been subject to inappropriate and dangerous surveillance. Pro-Choice Washington is among a small group from the coalition in direct conversations with Meta.



Balancing Our Tax Code

Ensuring abortion and reproductive care access for all people across our state requires sufficient insurance coverage and public funding for reproductive healthcare programs. Washington taxes help fund vital programs, including reimbursements for abortion care and contraception. However, these programs are threatened by Washington's upside-down tax code, which puts a higher tax burden on people with lower incomes.

In 2021 and 2022, Pro-Choice Washington advocated for progressive revenue policies to ensure sustained and adequate public funding for abortion and reproductive care to make sure programs remain available to those who need it most. We focused on bills that increase access to affordable and quality abortion and reproductive healthcare and that reduce the burden of out-of-pocket costs for reproductive health services, which are often unaffordable and may delay or prevent access to healthcare.

Issue: Revitalizing the Reproductive Freedom Movement to be More Inclusive and Reflective of Community Needs

Pro-Choice Washington became independent in large part because of our belief in building a broader, more representative movement. We know that real change is only possible when all people see themselves reflected in and positively impacted by the reproductive freedom movement. To bring forward more and new voices, we are building an inclusive grassroots activist movement in communities across Washington.

Pro-Choice Washington provides resources to support activist leadership—specifically through our activist chapter model, virtual trainings, and grassroots lobbying activities—to mobilize and support this powerful movement.

Building a Network of Student & Troublemakers Activist Chapters

Pro-Choice Washington is building a network of activists in neighborhoods, universities, high schools, and colleges across Washington state because we recognize the power and importance of local young people's voices in the reproductive freedom movement.

Our University and College Campus programs are designed to support the leadership skills and priorities of students to help build the next generation of civic activists. Our Troublemakers chapters harness the power of community members to mobilize peers and to learn how to directly impact their policy and political landscape.

All chapters hold education events, letter-writing campaigns, and trainings to increase issue awareness in their communities. In the last year, our student activist chapters, and our Troublemakers hosted 22 events and brought in almost 300 new members. In 2018, the first Troublemakers chapter was started in North Seattle. Since then, Troublemakers has expanded to three additional chapters in Kitsap, West Seattle, and South Sound.


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Organizing Coordinator Erica Fuller meets with our student chapters across the state, including Jaelyn Sutton and Olivia Degrave from WSU Pullman.

Growing our Electoral and Legislative Fellowship Program

Pro-Choice Washington's fellowship program is steadily expanding. Fellows conduct cutting-edge research, activate allies through community engagement, and develop the necessary leadership skills to become future reproductive freedom leaders.

In 2022, Pro-Choice Washington fellows produced a policy brief on shield laws, which are the collection of policies that provide legal protections for patients and providers in a sanctuary state against abortion restrictions in other states. In 2021, Pro-Choice Washington fellows created a database of every Crisis Pregnancy Center that exists in Washington. This database tracks each Crisis Pregnancy Center affiliation and its proximity to comprehensive reproductive healthcare clinics

“For too long, the anti-abortion movement has controlled the terms of the debate, framing themselves as ‘pro-life’ and the reproductive rights and justice movement as ‘anti-life’.

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SAMI ALLOY

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF
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Mobilizing Activists Across the State to Lobby Lawmakers & Get Out the Vote

Pro-Choice Washington and our activists focus on demonstrating broad constituent support for our priority and support bills, which helped convince lawmakers to pay attention to the issue prior to the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*. In the 2022 Legislative Session, Pro-Choice Washington activists represented 80 percent of Washington's legislative districts and sent more than 1,700 emails to lawmakers. Activists organized 46 virtual meetings with legislators, sent 322 emails to lawmakers, and submitted four letters to the editor in various Washington newspapers. This is an incredible achievement for a short session.

For the 2021 and 2022 elections, Pro-Choice Washington and our activists turned out the vote in key districts where abortion is most at risk in Washington state, and where progressive and representative candidates are running.

In the 2021 local elections, Pro-Choice Washington activists made 2,767 phone calls and knocked on 585 doors to help elect local reproductive champions into office.

In the 2022 elections, Pro-Choice Washington activists made 910 phone calls and knocked on nearly 1,500 doors in key districts across Washington. These actions had a direct positive impact on some of the most contested districts, like the 42nd and 26th Legislative Districts.



Organizing Director Gabbi Nazari helped get out the vote this November for Senator Emily Randall who was re-elected to serve the 26th legislative district.

Hosting Impactful Community Events

Reproductive Rights Art Show with Nepantla Cultural Arts Gallery

Pro-Choice Washington collaborated with [Nepantla Cultural Arts Gallery](#) in White Center to host their first Reproductive Rights Art Exhibition. Art is an important expression of activism, and this was a beautiful outlet for artists across the state to respond to the loss of reproductive freedoms due to the Supreme Court's decision.

Chef's Dinners with Food for Good Seattle

Pro-Choice Washington has collaborated with [Food for Good Seattle](#) three times since October 2021 to bring together our supporters around good food and conversation about the state of our movement. Chef Ally Nguyen started Food for Good Seattle to help give back to the nonprofit community by donating incredible gourmet dinners to feed activists and facilitate community dialogues on important issues. We were also generously hosted by local restaurants and wineries: [Homer](#), [Latta Wines](#), and [Hayday](#).



Moving Mountains Benefit for Pro-Choice Washington

In October, we launched Moving Mountains as our major annual fundraiser, which included an in-person brunch and online auction. Allies, supporters, and friends came together at AXIS Pioneer Square to affirm our shared vision for equitable and unalienable reproductive rights for all people in Washington state. We were honored to feature keynote speaker, April Sims, the Secretary Treasurer of the Washington State Labor Council, who highlighted the deep connection between reproductive rights and labor rights. We also heard a moving poem from Jasmyne Sims, a social activist, poet, and April's daughter, highlighting the incredible power of multigenerational movement-building.



Partnering with Local, Women- & BIPOC-Owned Businesses

Pro-Choice Washington is incredibly grateful for the more than 100 businesses and entrepreneurs, in Washington state and beyond, who supported our work since October 2021. Their generous monetary and in-kind donations have bolstered our advocacy, education, and community engagement. To show our thanks, and to let you know who to support while finding gifts for friends, family, and loved ones, we developed the [Pro-Choice Washington Gifting Guide](#). Check it out for all your special occasions, gift ideas, entertainment, and services.



What We Need in 2023

The work we did this year is just the beginning. To maintain the momentum, we need new and more funding, partnerships, members, grants, and sponsorships. We need new and more people to show up at our education events, at our activist actions, and on the steps of Olympia. We cannot wait to see what we can do with the incredible foundation we built in 2022 with your help.

To learn more about ways to get involved, click the headlines below.

New and More Donations to Maintain this Momentum

The nature of our work means that we are reliant on individual donations. Because of this, consistent and meaningful donations are essential to Pro-Choice Washington's work. Giving money to this cause is also a powerful type of activism.

Become a Pro-Choice Washington Member

This May, Pro-Choice Washington launched a new membership program to support and amplify our work. The program starts at \$50 annually and includes special benefits that bring members closer to the action and keep them up to date on the latest in our movement. We also launched our [first-ever online store](#) to reduce environmental impact with unnecessary inventory, to allow people to engage with merchandise in a way that works best for them, and to support small, union-run businesses.



New and More Friends at Our Events & Activities

So many of you showed up to our rallies and events this year! Next year, we need new and even more of you to turn out, both virtually and in person, to demonstrate the breadth, depth, and power of this movement.

Sign up to Lobby in 2023 Legislative Session

Every January, Pro-Choice Washington helps activists learn about how to lobby their lawmakers and hosts an Advocacy Week to advance important reproductive rights legislation in Olympia. We offer virtual opportunities, and – starting in 2023 – some in-person actions. Make sure your voice is heard!

Subscribe to our Upcoming Events

Every year, Pro-Choice Washington hosts a range of community events. Make sure to subscribe so you don't miss the opportunity to connect, learn, and take action for reproductive freedom across Washington!



Pro-Choice Washington Foundation Board member Annabelle Burgett speaks to members at the Moving Mountains fundraiser.

New and More Business Partners and Sponsors

The values of a business are increasingly important to consumers. At Pro-Choice Washington, we partner with artists, artisans, entrepreneurs across the country to both elevate the incredible work of small businesses and to help our members support businesses that believe in reproductive freedom.

Download the 2022-2023 Gifting Guide

This year, Pro-Choice Washington partnered with more than 100 local, women, BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, and/or union run businesses. These amazing businesses stood up for reproductive freedom and helped us expand our community across sectors. We are always looking for partners to collaborate with!

Join the Sponsorship Program

When you become a sponsor for Pro-Choice Washington, you join a network of businesses that believe in reproductive freedom. Your sponsorship is a direct investment in advancing health equity in Washington state, and a powerful signal of your belief in human rights. There are several tiers and opportunities to support our events!

New and More Grant Dollars to Expand Our Work

This year, Pro-Choice Washington earned 10 new grants to help support and expand our work in a critical moment in reproductive rights history. Now, as the only organization in Washington and one of the only in the whole Northwest, specifically focused on reproductive rights advocacy, we need more grant dollars to help us scale the incredible work we started this year.

Learn more about our Future of Abortion Campaign

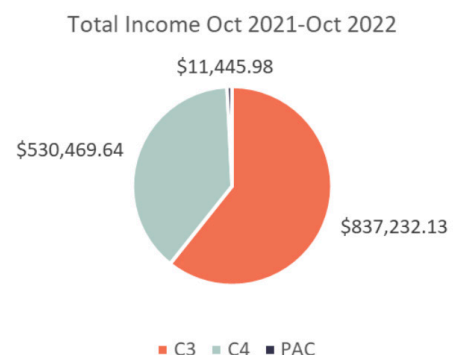
Pro-Choice Washington secured a grant to launch the Future of Abortion Campaign in partnership with the Northwest Abortion & Gender Justice Coalition. It demonstrates that abortion providers, abortion seekers, and community groups throughout the Northwest are committed to making Washington the most compassionate state to get an abortion. No judgment, no stigma, no barriers. Additional resources would allow us to scale our awareness activities, and to help change the narrative about abortion from the local to the national levels.

Organizational Snapshot

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For the first time in our organizational history, Pro-Choice Washington raised more than \$1,000,000 across our three organizations, from October 2021 to October 2022, thanks to the generosity of our supporters. We were also awarded 10 grants to help expand and strengthen our work, which resulted in incredible impact at a critical moment in history. Our fundraising was amplified by more than \$100,000 in matching gifts, which helped magnify the generosity of our donors!

Not only does Pro-Choice Washington accomplish significant work with a small budget, but also with a small team. In 2022, we had 8 full time, 3 part time, and 4 contract staff members, as well as the support of our incredible board and activist volunteers. We also were lucky enough to host incredible Fellows during the legislative and election seasons. This team is a remarkable and diverse group of highly effective individuals dedicated to protecting and expanding reproductive freedom for everyone.



Staff & Board

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✧ FULL TIME STAFF

Chris Smith, administrative coordinator
Curtis Maes, membership director
Erica Fuller, organizing coordinator
Gabbi Nazari, senior organizing manager
Jade Flohr, tech & finance coordinator
Kia Guarino, executive director
Ryan MacDonald, communications director
Sami Alloy, deputy director

✧ PART TIME STAFF

Pamela Starlipper, phone canvass

Rachel Kadoshima, regional organizer,
Kitsap & South Sound
Valcour Lavizzo, phone canvass

✧ EXTENDED TEAM

Emily Murphy, contract lobbyist
Hilary Wilson, events & partnerships
Abigail Faylor, communications strategy
Marley Banker, activist chapter support

✧ PRO-CHOICE WASHINGTON POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE BOARD

Alisha Merkt
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