



# 2006 Annual Report

**Lilith: A Fund for Reproductive Equity** believes that the right to choose an abortion is meaningless without access to abortion services. Restrictions on abortion access and funding are discriminatory because they especially burden low-income women. We oppose all efforts to restrict abortion rights and are committed to fighting for access to abortion for all women. We believe that it is the responsibility of government to provide public funding for abortion, but that we must act now to support women who want abortions but cannot afford them.

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## A Letter from the President



*Joanne Richards*

While 2005 was a year of highs and lows for the Lilith Fund, I am pleased to say that 2006 was a blockbuster year. With five successful years behind us, we were in a good position to reap the rewards of building that solid foundation. This gave the board and our many volunteers the courage to move forward at a breakneck speed.

We established our first Advisory Council and welcomed its new members into the Lilith Fund family. We introduced the Lilith Fund to women's health activists in El Paso. In April, the Reproductive Equity Awards tribute honored Ms. Peggy Romberg, the former Executive Director of Women's Health and Family Planning. In the fall, we organized the first of what we anticipate to be an annual "Rock for Choice" fundraising event. The main purpose of the event was to introduce young Austinites to the Hyde Amendment and its impact on low-income Texas women. Two Lilith representatives attended the National Network of Abortion Funds annual meeting in Portland, Oregon. We won a NNAF mini-grant to conduct an emergency contraception education campaign in low-income areas of Austin. Our hotline volunteers were busier than ever in 2006, answering a total of 5,609 calls from 3,228 women and we provided grants to approximately 550 low-income Texas women. In addition, we have been able to maintain a Spanish-speaking volunteer to serve our Spanish-speaking clients. We have been busy!

Every woman, regardless of her economic resources, should have the ability to decide whether and when to have a child. Women who come to the Lilith Fund for help are usually single mothers, between the ages of 18 and 25, who already have at least one child and are unable to care for another child. They come from all over the state and from a variety of ethnic backgrounds. In order to exercise their right to abortion, women need public support and public resources, but the Hyde Amendment and Texas state law prohibits federal and state Medicaid funds for abortion except in cases of life endangerment, rape, or incest.

The Lilith Fund was created to guarantee equal access to abortion for all women, regardless of their economic situation. Thanks to our donors, we are able to provide grants averaging \$75. However, the cost for an abortion early in pregnancy is around \$400. With your additional help, we can increase the size of the grants and provide the financial assistance that the low-income women of Texas need and deserve.

Joanne Richards  
President, Lilith Fund Board of Directors

### Who is Lilith?



LILITH is a mythical woman from the Hebraic tradition. She was a co-creation of God along with Adam. But when the Father God ordered her to submit to the rule of the male Adam, she refused, and rebelled, and was replaced by Eve. She was expelled from Eden, consorted with demons, became depraved and hereafter was feared and demonized as a nocturnal succubus. Lilith symbolizes a strong willed independent female. She is a woman that desires to be neither superior nor submissive to a man but equal to him. Lilith lives on her own terms and possesses her own ideas. These are the qualities that we hope to instill in our clients. We seek to promote Lilith's conviction of gender equality by encouraging women to harness their own independence and decision-making power.

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## 2006: The Lilith Year in Highlights

### 3rd annual REA honors Peggy Romberg

Within the groves of the Wild Basin Wilderness Preserve, the Lilith Fund honored Peggy Romberg at the third Annual Reproductive Equity Awards on April 27, 2006. She follows in the venerated list of past recipients including Diana Philip and Sarah Weddington.



*Peggy Romberg*

As the major yearly fundraising effort of the Lilith Fund, this event generated more than \$9,500 in revenue, enabling the Lilith Fund to help more than 120 women to attain their legal right to an abortion.

Peggy Romberg was honored for her almost 40 years of dedication to the field of women's reproductive health and family planning. The Lilith Fund was honored to celebrate her accomplishments with Sarah Wheat who was, at the time, the Executive Director of NARAL Pro-Choice TX and Dr. Sharilyn Stanley.

Ms. Romberg retired after 30 years as the founder and executive director of the Women's Health and Family Planning Association of Texas. She was the first executive director of the Texas Abortion Rights Action League (now known as NARAL Pro-Choice Texas). She has earned the trust of many legislators of both parties due to her extensive knowledge in this field and her non-partisan truthfulness on the issues. Texas activists have come to rely on her as a guru of vast experiences both pre- and post- Roe.

### A new tradition: Rock for Choice!

2006 welcomed in what we hope is now an annual tradition: The Lilith Fund Rock for Choice benefit. "And Access for All! Thirty Years is Enough!" was the Lilith Fund mantra on November 9, 2006, as supporters gathered at Flamingo Cantina on Sixth Street in downtown Austin to rock out for choice. An eclectic line-up of bands joined together to provide something for everyone. Participants also remembered the 30th anniversary of the Hyde Amendment, which was

passed by Congress in 1976 to exclude abortion from the health care services provided to low-income people by the federal government through Medicaid.

Hostesses, Texas Rollergirls, Belle Starr and Melicious, emceed the evening with Lilith client stories, reproductive health statistics and raffle drawings, as well as comic relief. The night featured a Raffle of Oddities which included hand decorated art speculums made by Lilith Board members, hand-crafted vagina stationary, Texas Rollergirls merchandise, art and other prizes. The goals for the event were to increase awareness about the Lilith Fund and women's reproductive health, to promote volunteerism with young adults, and to raise money for the Lilith Fund - while having fun rocking out for choice! The event raised more than \$800 that went directly back into funding Lilith clients. Future



*Attendees at Rock for Choice*

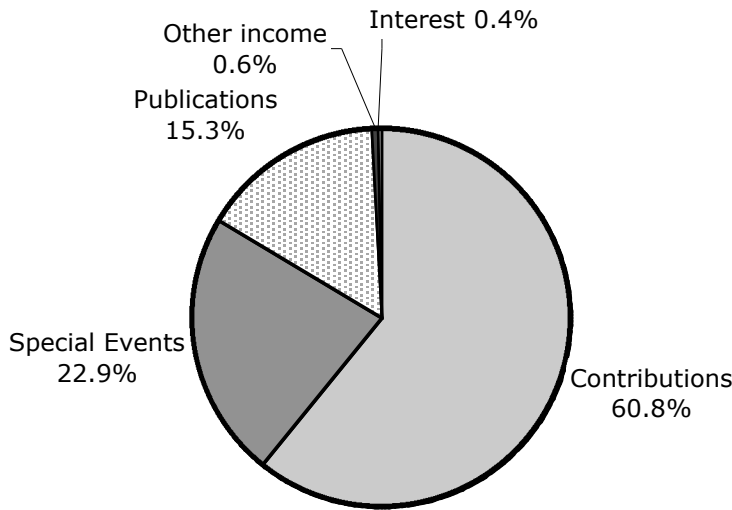
events promise to be bigger and better as we continue to reach out and spread the Lilith Fund message for all the Texas women who need our help.

### Lilith Fund wins EC grant

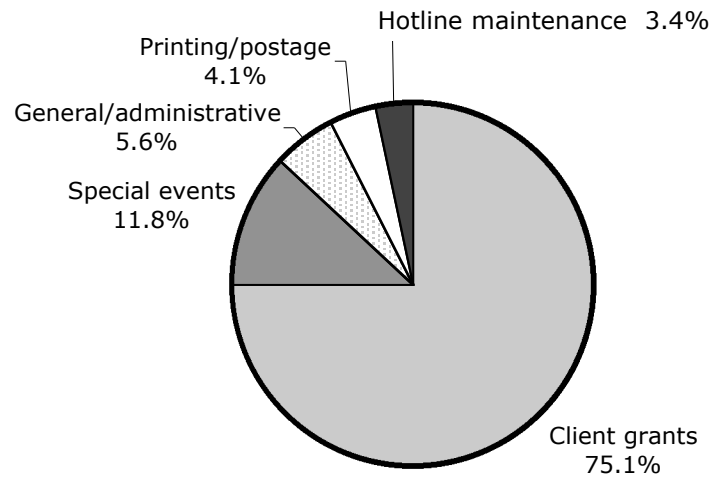
The Lilith Fund was awarded a \$3,000 Emergency Contraception education grant from the National Network of Abortion Funds. The goal of the pilot project was to increase awareness in low-income women, women of color, and young women about the new behind-the-counter status of emergency contraception (EC) in Austin, Texas. Since the pilot project took place mostly in 2007, we will report the findings in the next issue of the *Lilith's Voice*. A big thank you to Brenna Mann, a second year University of Texas College of Pharmacy student for assisting on this project.

# Financial Report

## 2006 Revenue (\$57,049.13)



## 2006 Expenses (\$48,271.99)



## Hotline calls remain steady

The Lilith Fund remained open to assist low-income Texas women for the entire 2006 year.

Lilith had to close in late 2005 because of an unexpected increase in call volume due to the tremendous migration of Louisianans to Texas after Hurricane Katrina. Fortunately, there were no catastrophes in 2006.

The charts below reflect call volume. In Chart A, the black line reflects the total number of calls answered by hotline volunteers in 2005 while the gray line reflects the total calls answered in 2006. Chart B reflects the number of individuals who called in 2005 compared to the number of individuals who called in 2006.

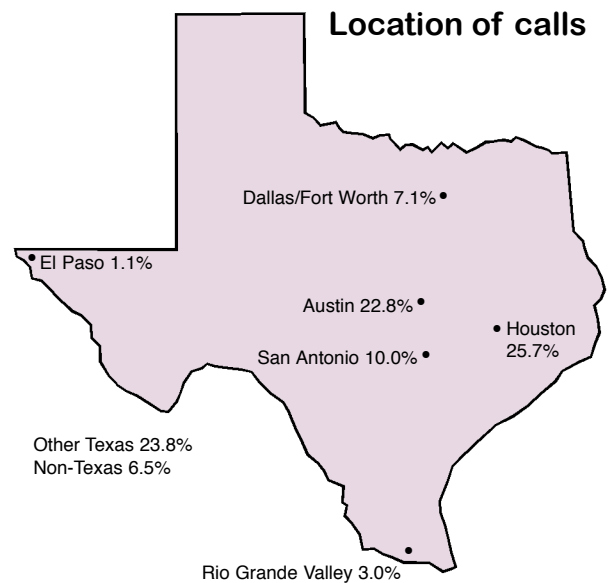


Chart A: Call volume compared by year

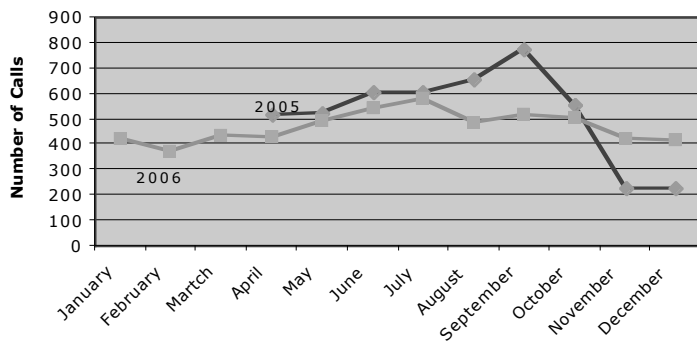
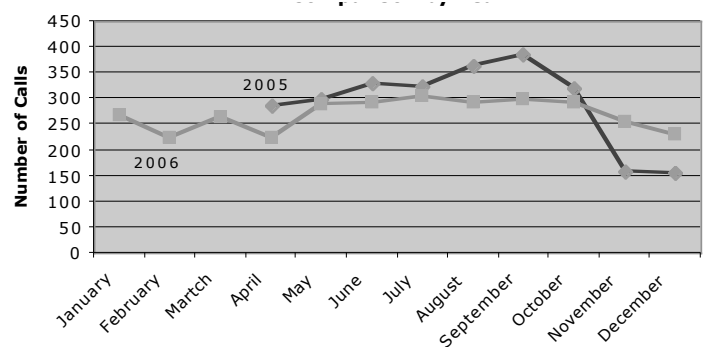


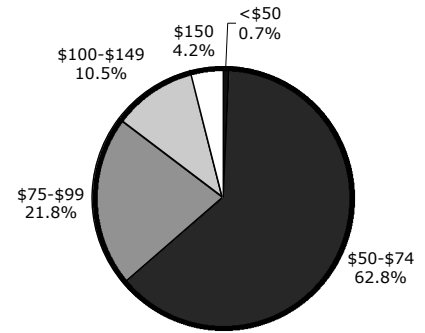
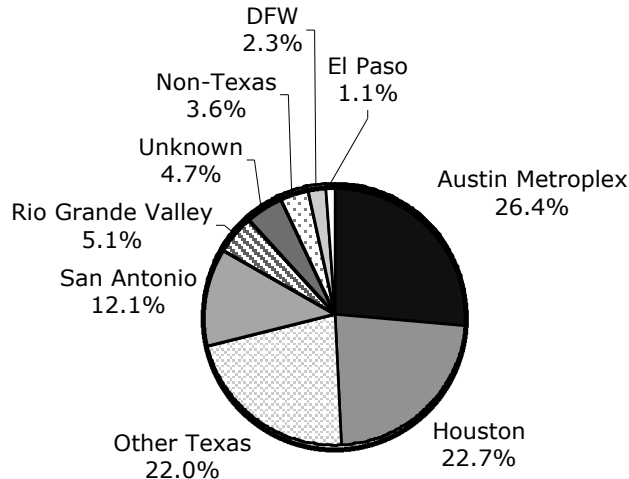
Chart B: Unique calls compared by year



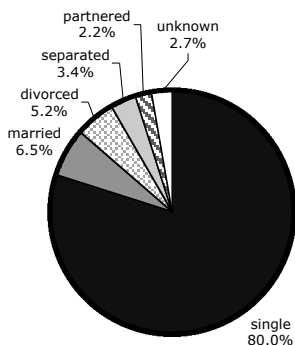
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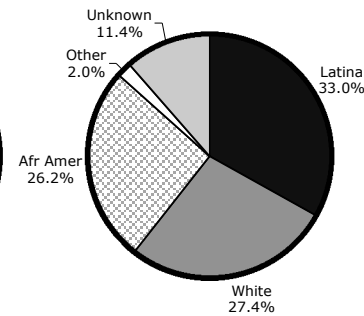
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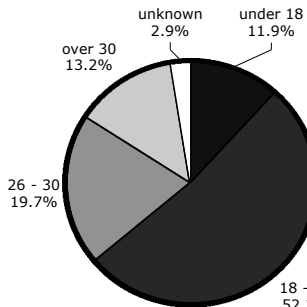
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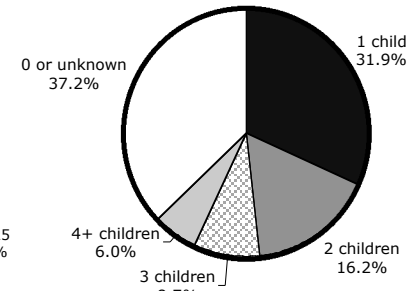
Marital Status



Ethnicity



Age



Number of Children

**Lilith Stories** LENA is 30 years old, a single mother of one, and has just been diagnosed with cervical cancer. She was on the Pill and also took Plan B after having unprotected sex but she IS pregnant. When she went to take a pregnancy test at the doctor's office, he told she was not pregnant; however, a week later, Lena ended up in the emergency room hemorrhaging. The on-call doctor there ran additional tests and discovered she was indeed pregnant, but he told her it was unlikely that she would be able to carry the baby to term due to her health history, including the newly discovered cervical cancer. Lena is terrified of having a miscarriage and wants to protect her health by terminating the pregnancy as soon as possible, but she does not have health insurance. The Lilith Fund gave her \$75 toward her procedure.

LOGAN is a 26-year-old woman who was recently discharged from the military after serving two tours in Iraq. While overseas, Logan suffered from a myriad of health problems including migraines, unexplained fevers, respiratory infections and now, post-traumatic stress disorder. She is collecting disability until she finds a job. Logan is married but had a sexual relationship with one of her colleagues while she was overseas, "to forget for awhile where we were and what we were doing", so she cannot tell her husband about the pregnancy. Lilith gave her \$50 toward her procedure.



## Board of Directors

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## Lilith Fund Inaugural Advisory Council

As a non-profit organization expands and matures, strategic planning becomes a necessity. To meet the needs of the low-income women of Texas, the Lilith Fund asked members of the pro-choice community to give us advice.

The inaugural members of our Advisory Council include:

- **Heather Busby** is a Lilith Fund founding member and graduate of South Texas College of Law.
- **Rep. Dawonna Dukes**, district 46 representative to the Texas House of Representatives, serves on the state Appropriations Committee.
- **Amy Hagstrom Miller** is owner and founder of Whole Woman's Health clinics and was named the 2007 Person of the Year by the National Coalition of Abortion Providers.
- **Rep Elliott Naishtat**, district 49 representative to the Texas House of Representatives, is a founding member of the House Progressive Caucus.
- **Diana Philip** is the co-founder of Jane's Due Process, was the director of Legal Access Initiative, and is the newly-named Interim Executive Director of the NCAP and its sister organization, the Abortion Conversation Project.
- **Peggy Romberg** served for many years as the Executive Director of the Women's Health and Family Planning Association of Texas.
- **Sarah Weddington** argued before the United States Supreme Court the winning side of the landmark *Roe v. Wade* case legalizing abortion.

For a more in-depth description of these pro-choice leaders please see our February 2007 newsletter available on-line at [www.lilithfund.org](http://www.lilithfund.org)

**Lilith Stories** DERALYNN is a 22-year-old single mother of four. After her last child was born, she planned to start the Pill, but she became pregnant before she was able to do so. The cost of daycare prevents her from working, so she does not have the financial resources to pay for an abortion. In addition to being unemployed, she has suffered emotional and physical abuse at the hands of her partner and only recently moved out of a battered women's shelter with her children. Facing another pregnancy, she asked her parents and her friends for help but they are against terminating a pregnancy. The father is also anti-abortion, so she hasn't told him she is pregnant. "They want to keep me in this prison," Deralynn said. The Lilith Fund was able to give Deralynn \$150 towards her procedure. "Thank you so much. You guys are saving my life."

DARICE is single mother of two and not working. Her only income is from babysitting and manicures she does for friends. Darice's boyfriend wants nothing to do with the baby. Because he denies being the father, he refuses to support her with shared parenting or with the cost of terminating her pregnancy. Her parents don't support abortion so she cannot tell them. Darice and her children live in low-income housing, but she was able to scrape together \$200 at the time she called us. The Lilith Fund gave her \$75 toward her \$500 procedure.

## The Lilith Fund gratefully acknowledges its 2006 supporters

### Protector (\$1,000 or more)

Ruth McLean Bowers • Balie & Beverly Griffith • Stephanie & Stephen Griffith •  
Marty & Steve Hixon • Planned Parenthood of the Texas Capital Region • Whole Woman's Health of Austin

### Defender (\$500 – \$999)

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### Activist (\$250 – \$499)

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*A special thanks to our Spanish speaking hotline volunteers:*

Sabine Berghammer and Rachael Union

And so many others - thank you. As an all-volunteer organization, the Lilith Fund would be nonexistent without these wonderful people devoting their time, money, and energy to help low-income women in Texas.

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### **The Lilith Fund**

#### **Mission:**

The Lilith Fund assists women in exercising their fundamental right to abortion by removing barriers to access.

#### **Vision:**

We envision a society in which equal access to abortion is guaranteed for all women, regardless of economic situation

#### **Values:**

Our supporters, clients and the community can trust that we will demonstrate:

**ACCOUNTABILITY** – We will be open, honest and ethically responsible in all our activities in a way that is consistent with our mission.

**RESPECT** – We will treat others with dignity and an understanding of differences without judgment.

**TRUST** – We will trust women to make difficult decisions

regarding their reproductive health, and their lives and they can trust us to respect their confidentiality and individual choices.

**EQUITY** – We will provide each of our clients with the opportunity to exercise their fundamental right to choose by distributing our resources in a fair and equitable manner.

**COMPASSION** – We will treat others with kindness and understanding and we will be supportive of our clients in their time of need.

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