

# IMPACT REPORT

2017-2018



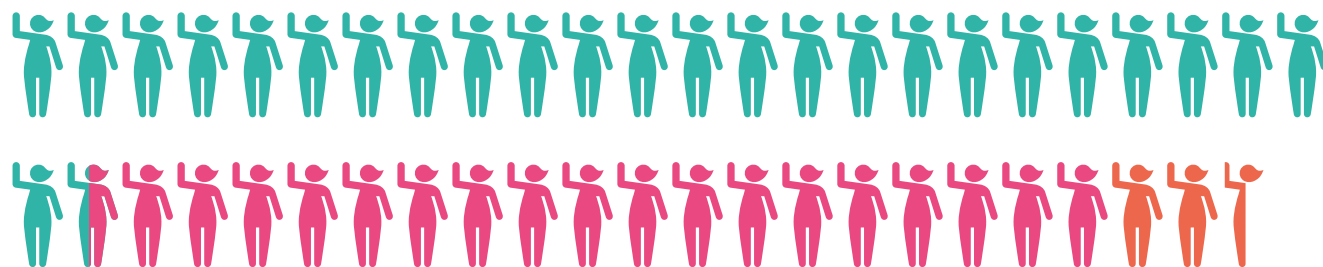
Feminist  
Women's  
Health Center

*Leading. Educating. Advocating.*

# AT A GLANCE

WE SERVED 9237 PEOPLE

 : 200



We provided health  
care services to  
**5052**  
PATIENTS  
FROM 18 STATES

We reached over  
**3685**  
INDIVIDUALS  
AND FAMILIES  
through education &  
outreach programs

**500**  
INDIVIDUALS  
received RJ  
movement building  
training

We are trying to get free, y'all - and everybody is invited. At Feminist Center we provide healthcare and we are building an inclusive movement for all led by Black women, and women of color. Reproductive Justice and our Feminist approach to abortion care shaped our work in 2017 and 2018.

## HEALTHCARE SERVICES

NEARLY 60% OF OUR  
OUT-OF-STATE PATIENTS  
CAME FROM (RESTRICTION  
HEAVY) ALABAMA AND  
TENNESSEE.



## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

**11**  
VULEY FELLOWS  
40+ hours of intensive training,  
leadership development and support for  
new movement leaders.

**40**  
PROMOTORAS  
The Lifting Latinx Voices Initiative  
Promotora program has trained over 40  
Latinx community health workers to date.

## LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

Georgia remains a safe  
haven for abortion  
care because we keep  
winning!

**4<sup>th</sup>**  
YEAR IN A ROW  
Our advocacy efforts  
helped prevent any  
new harmful abortion  
restrictions in the state of  
Georgia.

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZING AND OUTREACH

**200**  
VOTERS REGISTERED

**2<sup>nd</sup>**  
FERIA HISPANA  
DE LA SALUD  
(Latinx health fair)  
Bringing health services  
and information to people  
right in their community.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2018 has been a whirlwind.

Stepping into the role of Executive Director at Feminist Women's Health Center has been daunting.

We have a governor who has pledged to sign in the toughest abortion restrictions in the country, and poor people, queer people, Trans people, and immigrants remain in the cross-hairs of our leaders' legislative weapons. We have good reasons to be angry and scared right now because eliminating abortion access, blatant racism, violence, and fear mongering are the rallying cries for so many leaders in Georgia and across the country. But we are not scared, because we know how to win, we've won before, and we will win again. So in the words of former President Barack Obama, we will be vigilant but not afraid!

Over this past year, I have been humbled by the complexity of our operations. I have been simultaneously responding to our current challenges while better preparing us for the future with new internal policies and external partnerships. It's been a lot at times. But I got this y'all. [We've got this!](#) Because of your overwhelming support, we are still open, we are still holding back the wave of new abortion restrictions, and we are charting a path forward.

Many of you are rooting for our success, and particularly my success, as the first Black woman Executive Director. And now at Feminist Women's Health Center, we are centering our work in Reproductive Justice. The Black women who coined the phrase Reproductive Justice (RJ), with the many other people of color who gave form to the movement, have defined the tenets of RJ in its simplest terms as the freedom to have children, to not have children, to parent the children we have with dignity in safe and sustainable communities, and to have full personal bodily autonomy. [At our center, that framework will guide us in everything we do.](#)

I remain committed to this work because I believe in reproductive freedom. A freedom I know Every. Person. Deserves. Our center is a place where we can all be our full authentic selves. People of many generations, people of many racial backgrounds, with various stories and income levels, identities and lives are welcome here. No one is too old or too inexperienced, and no one is required to code switch, pull their pants up, hide their piercings or accent, or fit into the gender binary. [We know when we fight against systemic racism and dismantle white supremacy—everyone benefits. Everyone.](#) Starting with our clinical services which have always been the heart of our mission, we pledge to further strengthen our inclusivity.

In continuing to keep healthcare and the needs of our patient's front and center, I pledge to you that we will fight tirelessly to prevent unconstitutional and unnecessary abortion restrictions on the people of Georgia. We will remain a safe haven for abortion care in the region and a powerful force for abortion rights in the capital. But in keeping with our commitment to reproductive justice, we will also fight across other issues that impact the communities we serve. We are not going to prioritize one group of patients over another. [We are determined to keep our doors open and all our people safe. We are not going to retreat. We will stay united.](#)

I am honored to have been asked to take on this challenge of leading our efforts. And now as I start this new year, advancing this vision forward alongside all of you, I am going to take time to acknowledge all we have done. Please enjoy this report and celebrate our success as we prepare for the fight to come.

Until Freedom,

**KWAJELYN JACKSON**  
*Executive Director*



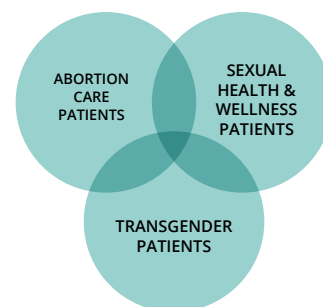


# HEALTHCARE SERVICES



In 2017 and 2018 we re-established our commitment to patient-centered care and firmly rooted our efforts in Reproductive Justice! We fought back new restrictions to abortion care in Georgia while expanding our center to include more evening and weeknight and weekday options for our patients who come from all over the region.

**TOTAL NUMBER OF CLINIC PATIENTS: 5052**



- Abortion care: **3867** (Trauma-sensitive care, fetal anomaly care, medication and surgical options)

- Sexual health & wellness services: **1074** (Annual wellness check-up, birth control, STI testing & treatment, emergency contraception, miscarriage care, pregnancy testing)
- Trans healthcare: **111** (Testosterone hormone replacement therapy, wellness exams, blood and lab work, pre and post-surgical chest exams, referrals)

## WHO WE SERVE

We have strived to make our center a safe space for all our patients regardless of their race, gender, sexual orientation, economic or immigration status. Through our healthcare services we serve women, people of color, immigrant families, low-income and rural communities, and people from the trans and LGBTQIA communities.

## Race:

- Over **78%** of our patients are people of color.

## Geography:

- Almost **60%** of our out-of-state patients came from restriction-heavy Alabama and Tennessee.



- Our patients came from over **18** states including Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

## Language:

- Over **75%** of our non-native English speaking patients speak Spanish.

## Economic Status:

- **51%** of our patients are from low income households.

*At our center, Reproductive Justice is having a staff that reflects the identities, cultures, and languages of our patients.*

## WHAT OUR PATIENTS SAID

"The staff was very friendly and they answered any questions I had. I was so grateful to be provided with birth control in the same appointment. The procedure itself was quick. The clinic has a home-like feeling. I really appreciate all the staff at the clinic."



"I used this clinic for a routine check and EVERYONE was so very helpful with figuring out payment for myself because I don't have insurance and don't make much money. The doctor was very friendly and made me feel welcome and comfortable."



"What an amazing experience, the staff was friendly very helpful and understanding. They made me feel comfortable. The doctor was very professional and I felt comfortable when I meet him."





# LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

2018 was a successful year for our legislative advocacy team! We joined forces with our sister organizations and coalitions to fight back against anti-abortion and anti-immigrant laws and policies in Georgia. As a result of these efforts we were able to prevent any NEW harmful

abortion restrictions from being passed in our state. We were especially encouraged to see our advocacy community grow this year with over 350 people attending our events, rallies and trainings and nearly 4000 people following our legislative work over Facebook and Instagram!

## BIG WINS & KEY OUTCOMES!

- For the **4th year in a row** we held back the dam and stopped NEW abortion restrictions from being passed in Georgia.

- We stopped anti-abortion bill **SB 74**. This bill would have raised the amount of evidence minors must show a judge to prove that they need a judicial bypass.
- We worked in coalition with many groups including organizations like Asian Americans Advancing Justice, Council on American Islamic Relations, Project South, immigration lawyers, activists and concerned individuals from the community to stop **SB 452**. This bill would have deported most undocumented immigrants who had any contact with the criminal justice system, even for the most minor offenses.

- **364** students, volunteers, community members attended our advocacy events through the year and nearly **3500** people viewed our weekly Facebook live updates from the 2018 legislative session.

## MAJOR EVENTS

**Legislative Advocacy Workshop:** Talking to our legislators and representatives can be intimidating. Through our legislative advocacy workshop we empower community members with the skills they need to have their voices heard and to advocate for better state laws. In 2018, this all-day interactive

training included in-depth informational sessions on how the state government works, reproductive health laws, role playing sessions on lobbying and an opportunity to meet with a legislator. Many of our participants joined us for one of our 3 advocacy days during the legislative session (January to March) to apply their newly acquired skills directly towards current social justice threats.

**Woke Wednesdays:** Over the past year we worked with the Reproductive Health Rights and Justice Coalition which includes organizations like the ACLU of Georgia, ARC-Southeast NAPAWF-Atlanta, Planned



JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	MAY	OCTOBER
Advocacy Days	Advocacy Days	Advocacy Days		
Woke Wednesdays	Woke Wednesdays	Woke Wednesdays	People's Hearing on the Whole Women's Health Act	Unruly Night of Political Misbehavin'
Legislative Advocacy Workshop	Reproductive Health Rights and Justice Advocacy Day			



Parenthood Southeast, Sister Love, SisterSong and URGE. Together we organized Woke Wednesday Actions outside the Georgia State Capitol every Wednesday during the legislative session. Through weekly public gatherings, our coalition kept the community engaged, energized and updated on laws and policies related to Reproductive Justice.

**Joint Advocacy Day:** We worked with the Reproductive Health Rights and Justice coalition to organize a large joint advocacy day on Crossover Day. Over 50 people joined our training on lobbying and educated their state House and Senate reps about key bills' impact on reproductive health and justice. After the lobbying event we held a rally for Reproductive Justice in liberty plaza.

**People's Hearing:** We organized a People's Hearing for the Whole

Women's Health Act—a bill that would require all abortion restrictions in Georgia to have provable benefits for patient health and safety. This in turn would remove current sham laws restricting access to abortion care. Since the Georgia General Assembly has refused to give this bill a hearing, we organized our own public hearing with moving testimonies from patients, abortion care providers, researchers, and organizations like the ACLU of Georgia, SPARK Reproductive Justice NOW!, and NAPAWF-Atlanta.

Reproductive Justice at our center is building a coalition, led by Black women, people of color and LGBTQ folks, that strengthens our movement for liberation and shapes a united vision for reproductive freedom in Georgia.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Reproductive Justice in our civic engagement work means we stand side by side with organizations with missions that embrace the human right to maintain personal bodily autonomy, have children, not have children, and parent the children we have in safe and sustainable communities. The ProGeorgia table is a gathering of many such organizations. It develops the infrastructure and helps find key areas of collaboration with our Reproductive Justice and social justice partners. The table works with different member non-profits and coordinates all our efforts for maximum impact. The table's presence is key to Feminist Center's movement building successes in recent years.

In close partnership with the ProGeorgia table we surpassed our goal and registered over 200 voters! We trained and organized volunteers and coordinated partnerships with URGE chapters at Spelman College, Georgia State University, Agnes Scott College and Mercer University. Our team trained these local URGE chapters on how to register voters and organize voter registration drives. We also organized our own independent registration drives throughout Atlanta.

BIG WINS/KEY OUTCOMES!

Number of voters registered:

>200

Voter Registration events:

47

PROGEORGIA GET OUT THE VOTE 2018 CHILDCARE COLLECTIVE EXPERIMENT

By providing childcare at several polling locations we were able to measure increases in voter turnout among women of color in collaboration with ProGeorgia.

*At our center Reproductive Justice is when more parents of color have the support needed to vote.*

*Childcare at the Polls is an experimental program that aims to enhance opportunities for Black women and other women of color to vote. We know as women of color we are a key progressive voting bloc and civic engagement constituency. Fifty-six percent of the ProGeorgia table partner organizations are led by women of color. ProGeorgia led the effort to test whether providing childcare at early voting locations increased turnout, particularly among women of color with a child in the home.*

[Source: [equalaction.org](http://equalaction.org)]



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

HALLIE ANDREWS

MSW and MPH candidate at Georgia State University

Hallie was a volunteer and grassroots organizing intern at Feminist Center. During her time here she had the opportunity to work closely with our legislative advocacy team and begin her journey in advocacy work. Following this experience, as part of a Teaching Assistant assignment at her school, she led other students through navigating the state Capitol, speaking to legislators and lobbying on the ropes.

*"I didn't know legislative advocacy was something I would love so much. I learned from doing and going with Megan, Katie Mae and other interns. The coolest part was being able to tell people that I was scared too but you have to jump in. The Capitol is a big building and it looks intimidating but your voice matters and you should take ownership of this process."*

How has your experience with Feminist influenced your present and future professional endeavors?

*I've learned so much about volunteering, community engagement and the way that policy impacts day-to-day lives. And that started with my work at Feminist as a volunteer and then a grassroots organizing intern. I don't know what my future goals are but I know that I'm really good at facilitating and teaching people about the mechanics of advocacy and I think a lot of that had to do with Feminist Women's Health Center.*



# LIFTING LATINX VOICES INITIATIVE

2018 was a big year for LLVI—we successfully organized our 2nd Feria De Salud Hispana (Latinx Health Fair) and 13 promotoras de salud (health promoters) graduated from our promotora training program! Lifting Latinx Voices Initiative is the only program in Georgia focusing on addressing comprehensive sexual and reproductive health

issues faced by Latinx families, particularly those that are low-income and uninsured. LLVI empowers metro-Atlanta Latinx folks to make informed decisions about our sexual and reproductive health through education, outreach and leadership development.

## BIG WINS/KEY OUTCOMES!

- Direct Reach: **2420**
- Number of Health Fairs: **8**
- Number of Workshops facilitated: **135**
- Number of House parties organized: **16**
- Individual 1:1 consultations: **67**

## AUGUST

2nd Feria De Salud Hispana (Latinx Health Fair)

Times Up Collaboration with Latino Community Fund

## SEPTEMBER

Promotora Graduation

the Health Department, the Latin American Association, Vida Life, the WIC office and the Mexican Consulate were present offering clinical services and important information to the attendees.

**Promotora Graduation:** Since its inception our program has trained over 40 promotoras (Latinx community health workers). On September 30<sup>th</sup> 2018, 13 promotoras graduated from the 11-month training program. It covered a wide range of topics and skills training including sexual and reproductive health, mental health in Latinx families, civic engagement and, parenting skills. The training program included activities aimed at disrupting the traditional lecture setting and actively involving Promotoras in interactive discussions. In 2019, the Promotoras, as part of the Times Up Collaboration with Latino Community Fund, will be taking a lead role in developing and distributing materials to educate Latinx women and LGBTQ people around sexual harassment throughout Georgia.

**Times Up Legal Defense Fund Collaboration:** In August 2018, LLVI in partnership with the Latino Community Fund, was one of 18 organizations awarded a grant to launch a public awareness campaign about sexual harassment of low wage workers targeting areas in Georgia with large Latinx populations. The campaign is meant to help the most vulnerable workers fight back against sexual harassment and will feature train-the-trainer workshops and a video. This nationwide \$750,000 effort within National Women's Law Center aims to raise awareness of the resources available to survivors of sexual harassment and support them as they come forward.

## MAJOR EVENTS:

**Feria De Salud:** On August 25<sup>th</sup> 2018, dozens of community leaders and health and social service providers mobilized in the city of Canton, in Cherokee County, for our Second Annual Latinx/Hispanic Health Fair. We based the fair in Cherokee County where there is a high percentage of Latinx people but very little culturally appropriate services for our communities. Fifteen different health providers, including Amerigroup,







At our center Reproductive Justice is when we Latinx community leaders deliver reproductive health education directly into our own community networks.



“When we began the training of the 13 Promotoras in Cherokee last fall, we did not imagine that we were facing an unstoppable female force, capable of breaking down the toughest barriers and facing the most difficult situations with admirable courage. We knew that our future health promoters were innate leaders, but we did not know how much strength they carried with them. Over the past year that same strength has led these leaders to overcome domestic violence and abuse, and to become examples of courage for their children, families and communities.”  
~ Juliana Rodriguez Ramirez

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### MATILDE GUZMAN

Graduated from LLVI's Promotora Training program, Sept 2019

#### What has been your biggest learning/take-away from this experience?

*My biggest learning was realizing that as a woman I am capable of doing many things. Now I feel stronger to support my family and face any situation that comes into my life with maturity. This has helped me a lot emotionally. I also learned to motivate other classmates to study and educate themselves.*

#### Would you recommend this training program? If yes, why?

*Of course, I would recommend these workshops 100% because in this society in which we live we need a lot of information. As parents these workshops serve us well. I would recommend them as a mom, as a person, so that people learn that there are resources of all kinds. Many times people only go to the doctor when there is an advanced disease or they can no longer handle the pain. This happens due to lack of information and education, and in these workshops we are given a lot of emotional support, we learn to ask and investigate and look for the resources that can help our well-being.*

# BLACK WOMEN'S WELLNESS PROGRAM

The Black Women's Wellness program is valued and important work that we are committed to! But this program underwent staffing transition in 2018 and is on a temporary pause. We are proud of the programs we held and there will be more updates and activities in the future.

### LIFE SKILLS TRAINING AT DEKALB COUNTY JAIL

In partnership with DeKalb County Jail's Options for Living program, our Black Women's Wellness team conducted a series of life skills training workshops for two cohorts of inmates over a period of eight weeks each in 2018. Each week we facilitated classes centered on topics including reproductive justice, HIV/STD prevention, self-care practices, mental wellness, relationship dynamics, and so on.

Women are currently the fastest growing group of inmates in the United States. Due to layers of institutional racism and bias in the justice system, among all groups of women, Black women remain the most likely to become incarcerated. The goals of this program were to provide our participants with tools and life-skills, ultimately decreasing recidivism once the women are released. Our organization and program team were honored to serve and grow alongside our participants from Dekalb County Jail.

### BLACKCOMPUTEHER:

- We were invited to present for the first time at BlackcomputeHER's annual conference for Black women computing professionals and students. Over two full day sessions we created space for

participants to talk about how their identities as both Black people and women influenced their workplace interactions and stress management navigating intersections of racism and sexism.

In addition to these activities, our program leaders participated in various community festivals, committees, health fairs, panel discussions and trainings including Black Pride, the Trust Black Women Campaign, SisterSong's Reproductive Justice Summit, and The Center for Black Women's Wellness Second Annual Expo and Community Fair. We also organized screenings of the path breaking HBO show Insecure as a fun activity for our supporters and community members.



# LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Through leadership development, Feminist Center advances our reproductive health, rights, and justice objectives. It is vital that we continue to welcome more

folks into this work to grow the movement. We identify, train, and support leaders; many key people in the national movement for Reproductive Justice started as interns,

volunteers and staff at our center. Our community leaders often join Feminist Center as staff and committee members, work with other Reproductive Justice organizations, and work

for Reproductive Justice within other social justice movements. Interns, Promotoras, fellows, and volunteers develop and strengthen their leadership skills through working in our health clinic and community programs.

work. The fellows also build their social justice network through various expert facilitators that are brought on board. Finally, each fellow receives a launch forward award that includes a small stipend or tools to help them complete a social justice project or launch a social justice initiative.

Our first cohort of Errin J. Vuley Fellows graduated in December 2017 and our second cohort graduated in December 2018.

## BIG WINS/KEY OUTCOMES:

- Number of cohorts: **2**
- Number of Fellows: **21**
- Fellows graduated in 2017: **11**
- Facilitators from a number of organizations donated their time to the fellows program including ARC-Southeast, NAPAWF, Center for Disease

Control, UGA, Emory, Georgia Equality, and the Housing Justice league.

- The program reached over **150** people through open events and those facilitated by the fellows.
- With the support of Feminist Center, more than half of our fellows from the first cohort went on to facilitate independent events and activities on issues of sexual and reproductive health. Many of our fellows have since been absorbed into the movement whether through full-time positions at other organizations or through continuing their education at graduate schools.

## MAJOR EVENTS

- **Sex Education & Abortion Workshop:** During SPARK-Reproductive Justice NOW!'s



ERRIN J. VULEY FELLOWS



JULY 2017	NOVEMBER 2017	MARCH 2018	APRIL 2018	AUGUST 2018
Sex Education & Abortion Workshop at media justice camp by SPARK Reproductive Justice	Trans Inclusion Live Q & A with Chanel Haley, Transgender inclusion organizer at Georgia Equality	This is Black Sex Ed!	How to talk about Sex workshop at Emory University	Testing Testing HB 827

FYRE Media Justice Camp, two fellows facilitated the Sex Education & Abortion workshop.

- Trans Inclusion Live Q&A:** A virtual event featuring Chanel Haley, Transgender Inclusion Organizer at Georgia Equality.
- This is Black Sex Ed:** A Black sexual health trivia event organized by a fellow with the

help of her Launch Forward Award.

- How to Talk About Sex:** Two fellows from the 2017 and 2018 cohorts co-facilitated a sex education workshop for Oxford College of Emory University for first and second year students during the college’s Sexual Assault Week of Action.

- Testing, Testing HB 827:** Another 2017 fellow utilized her Launch Forward Award to host Testing, Testing HB 827, a panel and podcast event focusing on Georgia’s rape kit legislation and how to podcast with an intersectional lens. The 2018 Fellows attended and participated during the event along with our supporters and the general public.

## INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Our year round internship program offers a wide variety of flexible options to gain exposure, skills, and knowledge about the Reproductive Justice movement within our health services, education and advocacy programs. . Interns make substantial contributions to our ability to provide care and educational programming and make real contributions to our movement building and advocacy. They inspire us with their curiosity, enthusiasm, and creativity while supporting our community outreach, seasonal events, and new ventures. This



## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### MARIEH SCALES

*MPH candidate, Emory University*

Marieh Scales applied to the Vuley Fellows program to pursue her interest in public health. During her fellowship she also worked as a volunteer researcher for the Housing Justice League where she was able to apply what she was learning from the program to her research. Shortly thereafter, she went on to work for a local nonprofit working on issues related to teen pregnancies and parenting. Marieh is currently enrolled in the Health Policy & Management program as a Maternal Child Health Fellow at Emory University. The Errin J. Vuley Fellowship was an important contributing factor in her being accepted into the program.

*I am ecstatic to have begun my Reproductive Justice activism life with the Feminist Women’s Health Center, my cohort members, and Leigh. I am so fortunate. Reflecting on my past experiences through a Reproductive Justice lens helped me realize the gaps in my previous work. A Reproductive Justice lens could help ensure that the professional and civic work I conduct will be meaningful and contribute towards creating a society where individuals can make decisions for themselves and can live free of infringements on bodily autonomy*

#### Do you have any examples where you’ve applied a skill set from your fellowship?

*My year-long research collaboration with the HJL resulted in the publishing of “Beltlining: Gentrification, Broken Promises, and Hope on Atlanta’s Southside”, a report outlining policy recommendations for Atlanta legislators to address substandard housing and mitigate the ramifications of gentrification on Atlanta’s vulnerable populations. Through conversations with residents, I learned that access to a healthy environment and quality education and healthcare are just as important as housing affordability. With a Reproductive Justice framework, I realized that focusing only on housing affordability would ignore the many ways in which different systems affect communal health and strength.*

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### CHIDINMA UZOAGU

*Health Educator, Feminist Women’s Health Center*

As an aspiring public health professional with a passion for women’s health, Chidinma Uzoagu, applied to be an intern at Feminist Center. During her internship she logged many hours on multiple projects related to our legislative advocacy and Black women’s wellness programs. Originally from Nigeria, she moved to the United States to pursue a degree in public health at Georgia College & State University and the grounding in real life public health work helped her determine her next step after graduation. Her internship experience eventually led to a full-time position in the clinic as a Health Educator, where she works directly with patients in our center!

*“When I finished my Bachelor’s degree, I knew that no matter what, working in women’s health was a priority for me. So I wanted to work at Feminist Center. When you hear the stories of the women who access our services, it makes you realize the importance of the work we do. I’m still passionate about women’s health and I think it has been my calling. While the work can be demanding, and the days long, I still feel the zeal to come to work every day. This has been one of my top work experiences... Here is a place where you meet mentors along the way, people who you can look up to and work toward your future goals with side- by-side.”*

#### Tell us about your internship experience:

*My internship experience was so cool! It was really nice because you’re learning all the time. During the legislative session, we would go to community hearings, advocacy days and rallies. We also met with sister organizations. The entire experience really educated me about issues I wouldn’t have ever known about, learning about the various bills —if they were good or bad— how we were going to educate people about them, how to talk to our representatives about why they should vote for or against bills.*



year, interns were evenly spread across our civic engagement, Black Women's Wellness and LLVI programs and gained substantial experience and skills in organizing, survey design, policy writing, language translation, and workshop facilitation.

BIG WINS/KEY OUTCOMES:

- Total number of interns: **12**
- Total number of hours logged: **1440 hours**
- **2** out of 12 interns accepted **paid positions with Feminist Center** at the end of their internship.

MAJOR EVENTS/ACTIVITIES:

- **CPC House Party:** Our Fall 2017 civic engagement intern organized and implemented a small gathering hosted by supporters and their invited guests. The party included guided discussions and activities about CPCs, or “crisis pregnancy centers” and are also known as fake clinics that spread misinformation and harm to people seeking reproductive healthcare.
- **youthSpark tour :** Our summer and fall interns were able to participate in a youthSpark tour activity. youthSpark is an innovator in transforming the lives of youth at risk of exploitation and abuse, and a thought-leader in reducing child exploitation and sex trafficking rates in Georgia and across the country.

dedication of our volunteers we would not be able to compassionately care for our patients, prepare for any of our large events, and deliver educational programs in the Latinx communities or strengthen our movement. We are so appreciative of our volunteers, some who have been with us for 10 or 15+ years. We do our best to provide meaningful programs for the students, professionals, and members of the community who make all our services and programs possible. With a wide range of opportunities available throughout the year, people from a variety of backgrounds and experience contribute their time and skills to our organization. We offer a range of workshops and trainings to help deepen volunteers’ understanding about abortion care work, reproductive health, reproductive rights and Reproductive Justice. Over the years many volunteers have joined our team, served on our board of directors or transitioned into the movement whether through other work opportunities, internships, or graduate studies in related fields.

BIG WINS/KEY OUTCOMES:

Number of volunteers: **450**  
New volunteers: **18**  
Total number of volunteer opportunities: **87**  
Reach through community engagement events: **500**

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Feminist Center’s volunteer program is vital to operations at our center. Without the

MAJOR EVENTS:

**Community outreach opportunities:** Our volunteers supported our community education and outreach work at festivals, health fairs, voter registration drives, etc. Through all these opportunities volunteers expanded our outreach efforts significantly.

**Leadership development opportunities:** Through participating in our various leadership committees, our volunteers gained experience in organizing and leading community events, activities, fundraisers, etc.

**Trainings and Workshops:** All our volunteers have access to a range of workshops and trainings on skills and topics including Reproductive Justice, clinic services support, voter registration, and racial justice.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES	LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES	TRAININGS & WORKSHOPS	OTHER OPPORTUNITIES
Inman Park Festival	Latinx Leadership & Advocacy Committee	Power & Privilege Training	Clinic Liaisoning
Sweet Auburn Festival	Legislative Advocacy Committee	Reproductive Justice training	Reproductive Justice Book Club
Black Pride Pure Heat	Unruly Night of Political Misbehavin’	Volunteer Orientation	Event support
Atlanta Pride	Board of Directors	Clinic Liaison training	Administrative projects
Voter Registration and Door Knocking drives		Event Tabling Training	
		Voter Registration training	

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

LIBBY MANDARINO

Volunteer ➔ Intern ➔ Vuley Fellow ➔ Voter registration coordinator ➔ Grassroots organizer  
Grassroots Organizer, Feminist Women's Health Center

Libby first began volunteering at Feminist Center as a clinic escort and voter registration volunteer in 2016. As a volunteer, Libby gained practical skills related to civic engagement and voter registration. Later she signed on to be a Feminist Center intern and was accepted as an Errin J Vuley fellow in 2017. That is when Libby’s deeper insight into the Reproductive Justice movement grew and when a contract position came up helping out with voter engagement Libby knew she wanted to apply. Libby is now a part of the permanent team as a Grassroots Organizer and will be working year round to strengthen our movement building efforts.


*My internship was really fun and great because it positioned me for the voter engagement coordinator role. I shadowed my supervisor and we led voter registration drives and phone banking efforts. I got to go to all of the ProGeorgia meetings with a guide. It introduced me to all of these different nonprofits in the state, I got to meet everybody who does anything remotely progressive in Georgia.*

What does being an organizer mean to you?

*Being an organizer is mostly about listening to the needs of the space that you’re coming into and the people that you’re trying to work with. It means speaking with and not for and speaking with and not over. It means making sure that what you’re doing is helpful. I feel like you need to be very responsive and if you’re not listening then you’ve gotten into the mode of not being flexible and unwilling to change.*



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

 “There is still unique Abortion Stigma for young Asian and Pacific Islander American women. I joined Feminist board because I could see so much room for improvement in thinking about abortion care and culturally appropriate access for many communities like my own. I am excited about helping Feminist Center continue to be a valuable hub for Reproductive Justice health care and movement building” ~ Son Ah Yun, At-large Executive Committee Member

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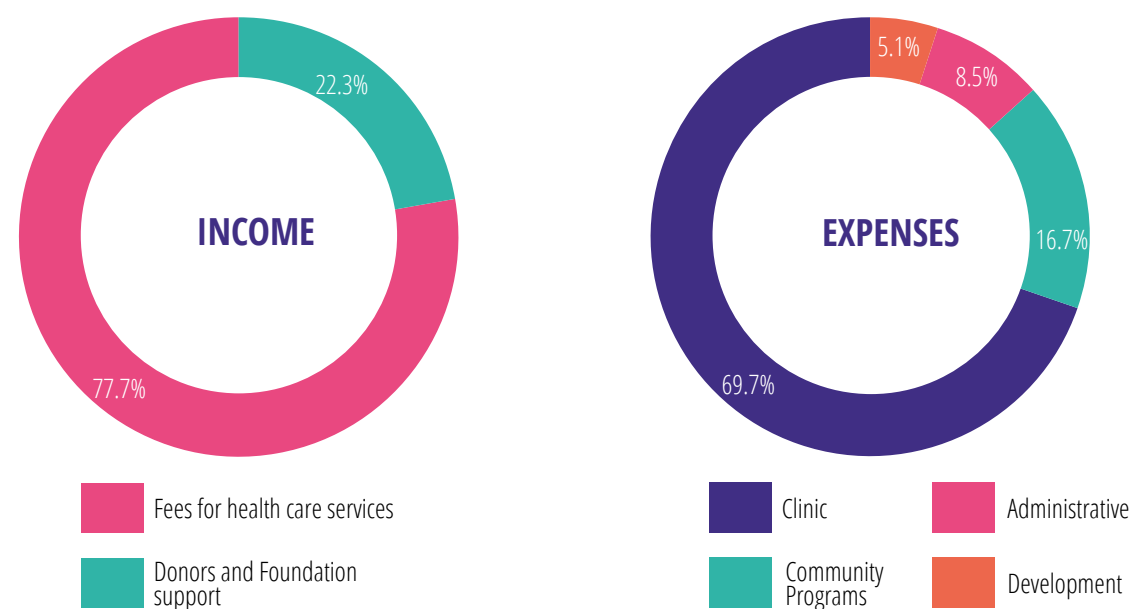
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# FINANCIALS

Income for the 2017/2018 report period from patient fees, donations, foundations, abortion funds, and investments totaled \$ 2,011,893. Our 2017 & 2018 financials continue to demonstrate that our donors, funders and partners continue to support our work and our clinic is the backbone of all we do at our center.

Over **300 donors** and nearly a dozen foundation partners' supported or work. Despite all the challenges we face providing abortion care in the Southeast, our doors remain open and the work continues.



\*Based on unaudited financial records from October 1, 2017-September 30 2018.



## GLOW UP

**GLOW UP**  
noun \ 'glō 'ap \

1. an amazing, incredible transformation

2018 was our **Glow Up** year. Instead of hosting a big fundraising event we held our fundraiser online on Facebook Live. We saved money on the venue and event supplies and still celebrated our work and partners!

- **\$40,000** raised
- **9,367** people reached
- **8,000+** views (500 Live)
- **177** comments
- **40+** host committee members
- **5** Honorees



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# GOING FORWARD

## GET INVOLVED

Feminist Center is more than a clinic. We are a movement and you can join us. Whether it's working behind a computer, in the clinic, in one of our community programs or attending one of our events – we have many ways for you to get involved and support the reproductive rights and justice movement in Atlanta. Contact us at [volunteers@feministcenter.org](mailto:volunteers@feministcenter.org) or visit us at [www.feministcenter.org/get-involved](http://www.feministcenter.org/get-involved) for more information.

## MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

Feminist Center provides safe, accessible and compassionate abortion and gynecological care to all who need it without judgment. We are committed to making our services safe and welcoming to the LGBTQIA+ community. We put you, our patients, at the center of our care and empower you with all the information that you may need to make decisions about your health and well-being. Speak to our health educators at 404-728-7900 to learn more or to make an appointment!

## SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL INDEPENDENT CLINIC

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