



Want to help people seeking access to reproductive healthcare in our region? Want to make a "hands-on" difference in someone's life? NCJWSTL has partnered with local clinics to provide direct support services to patients. Help us help women in our region by ordering from our <u>Amazon Wish List</u>. These items will be stocked at the clinics for patients in need. NCJWSTL volunteers will coordinate and deliver everything to the clinics.

Please <u>click here</u> for the NCJWSTL Clinic Wish List. Please make sure that NCJWSTL is the shipping address when you place an order. Thanks in advance for your help and support.

Knit for Reproductive Justice!



Are you a member of a knitting circle or just looking for a reason to dust off your knitting needles? Whether you are a neophyte or a seasoned pro, we need you!

As mentioned above, NCJWSTL has partnered with local clinics to provide direct support services to patients seeking reproductive care. Among the items our partner clinics have requested is blankets and scarves. We will provide the yarn and you will have the satisfaction of knowing you are

making a difference while enjoying a favorite hobby. A win-win for all!

For more information and to volunteer, please contact Jen Bernstein at **jbernstein@ncjwstl.org**.

Tell the Senate to Codify the Right to Contraception

The right to contraception has been relentlessly under attack at the state level. And, in Justice Clarence Thomas' concurring opinion in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, he urged the Court to reconsider its decision in *Griswold v. Connecticut*, which recognized the right to use contraception.

<u>The Right to Contraception Act</u>, legislation that would codify the fundamental and constitutional right to contraception — which the Supreme Court first recognized



more than half a century ago in its decision in *Griswold v. Connecticut* — passed the House of Representatives and has been introduced in the Senate.

Please <u>click here</u> to urge your senators to pass the Right to Contraception Act to ensure the right to contraception and a corresponding right for health care providers to engage in a full range of contraception-related services.

November Lunch and Learn - NCJW's Israel Programming With Kalela Lancaster



When: Thursday, November 17 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM CT Where: Zoom RSVP Here

Did you know? For more than 70 years, NCJW has been supporting women, children and families throughout Israeli society regardless of ethnicity, religion, and economic status. NCJW does its work through a gender lens, empowering Israeli and American women to advocate for a robust civil society. With our grants to Israeli organizations, participation in advocacy coalitions, policy statements, and our pioneering work in education and research, NCJW is a leader of women's and gender rights in Israel.

For our November Lunch and Learn, we are thrilled to welcome Kalela Lancaster, NCJW Israel's Program Manager, who will speak about the impact our programs have had in underserved communities all over Israel.

Kalela Lancaster joined NCJW as Israel Program Manager in November 2021, with responsibility for driving NCJW's strategy to strengthen the feminist field in Israel through a range of capacity building and philanthropic initiatives, and for engaging NCJW advocates in our Israel work.

Please click here to register for the October Lunch and Learn. Questions? Email Jen Bernstein at <u>jbernstein@ncjwstl.org</u> or call 314.993.5181

Absentee Voting Information - What You Need to Know

We hope you are registered to vote! If you plan on voting absentee, the following information will help you:

- All absentee ballot requests must be received by October 26th.
- To request an absentee ballot in St. Louis County, click here.
- To request an absentee ballot in St. Louis City, <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.



Absentee voting began on September 27th. Ballots **must** be received by 7:00 pm on Nov 8th, either by mail or in-person. **Absentee ballots must be notarized.** The statement on the outside of the ballot envelope must be signed in front of a notary public. **NCJWSTL Advocacy Manager Jen Bernstein is happy to notarize your ballot.** Please contact her at <u>jbernstein@ncjwstl.org</u> to make an appointment.

Remember, ballots can be turned in person by a close family member on or before November 8th, but if you plan to mail your ballot, we suggest doing so no later than October 27th.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

Take Action & Join the A-List



Now more than ever you will want to make sure that your name is on NCJWSTL's A-List for 2022! Join us as we stand together and speak out about the issues that matter most.

Together we can make a difference!

A-List sponsorship ads sustain our collaborative efforts to educate the community and elected officials about issues integral to our mission. The full-page ads will run in the St. Louis Jewish Light during 2022.

- **\$18** includes your name in the ad.
- **\$54** makes you an Advocate Plus with your name in bold.
- \$72 makes you a sponsor with your name distinguished in color

<u>Click here</u> to see the A-List flyer. <u>Click here</u> to see the latest A-List Ad. Join the A-list <u>here</u>.

Interesting Reading



In August, a pregnant Missouri woman named Mylissa Farmer suddenly needed an abortion, just over a month after her state enacted its near-total abortion ban. Her water had broken 17 weeks into her pregnancy, and her medical records indicated a number of health factors placing her at greater risk of pregnancy-related complications, including increased risk of sepsis, loss of her uterus, and even death. Farmer is also 41-years-old.

Doctors treating her recommended an abortion, but, of course, couldn't provide her one under state law.

<u>Click here</u> to read Kylie Cheung's article from Jezebel, "Missouri Woman Denied Emergency Abortion Called a State Senator for Help. He Sent Her to an Anti-Abortion Clinic."

