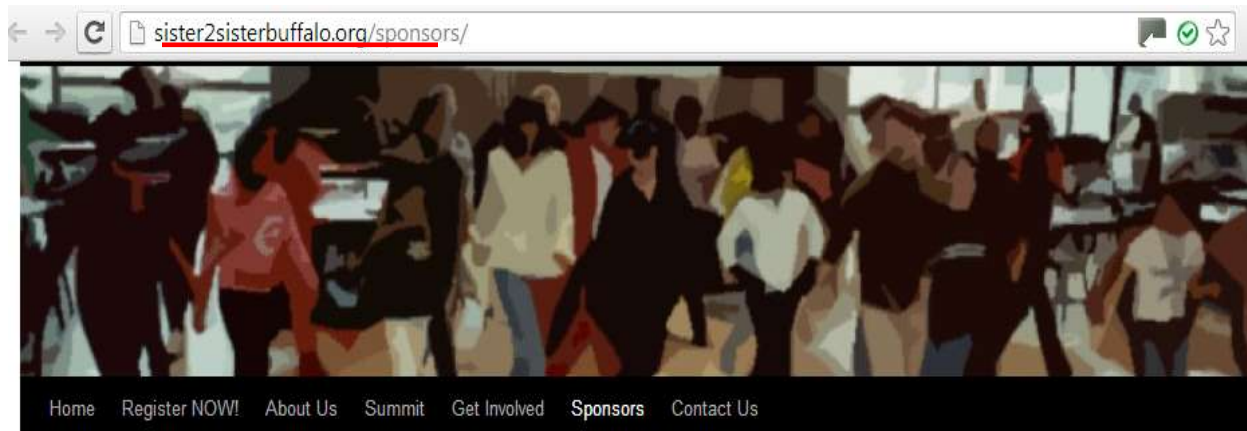


Girl Scouts of Western New York, together with Planned Parenthood, sponsor an on-going effort called “Sister to Sister”, a project aimed at pre-teen and teen-age girls to address various issues including teen pregnancy. The partnership between GSWNY and Western New York Planned Parenthood is well established, with the last publically published annual report (2009) of Western New York Planned Parenthood listing GSWNY as a “community partner”.

Please see supporting documentation below:

<http://sister2sisterbuffalo.org/sponsors/>



Sponsors

- AAUW Buffalo Branch
- Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers
- Buffalo State College, State University of New York
- Citizens Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect Eating Disorders Association of WNY
- D'Youville College
- Erie County Commission on the Status of Women
- Federal Women's Program Network (FWPN)
- Girl Scouts of Western New York
- Haven House
- Kaleida Health – Women and Children's Hospital
- NYS Coalition of Women's Issues
- NYS Department of Health
- Planned Parenthood
- Project Flight Women's Action Coalition
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About Us

MISSION STATEMENT: The Sister-to-Sister Connection of WNY, a project of the American Association of University Women and particularly the Buffalo Branch of AAUW in conjunction with many community organizations, strengthens girls' voices and identifies actions and that promote better opportunities for all youth.

VISION: The community should recognize the Sister-to-Sister Connection as a coalition of community organizations, schools, agencies and businesses dedicated to improving the lives of girls.

- To address issues that impede girls' personal, academic and career successes.
- To actively promote the inclusion and involvement reflective of the rich diversity of the WNY community.
- To undertake strategies that lead to lasting change in institutions as well as in their individual lives.
- Secure sufficient sources of funding.
- Pursue a membership of agencies, individuals, and organizations interested in helping girls to succeed.
- Establish a governing board and develop bylaws.

GOALS:

The Sister-to-Sister Connection of WNY Inc. is dedicated to providing unique educational opportunities for teen girls from varied backgrounds and perspectives to address the challenges and common issues they face and to recommend actions to affect change in their schools and communities.

Sister-to-Sister focuses 90% of its efforts and funding around the yearly Summit for girls. The Summit is an intensive day of programming focused on issues specific to pre-teen and teenage girls. Activities at past Summits have included interactive theater, discussion session, special activities and speakers. Major focus topics include relationships, school pressure, peer pressure, body image, teen pregnancy, racism, drug abuse, and stress. Special activities have included various ethnic dance groups, a non-traditional job fair, teen reality theater, campus tours, web page design, and many others. Comments received from surveys returned at the end of the Summit include:

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Sister to Sister

*Sister-to-Sister Connection of
Western New York*



Get Involved

The Board of Directors of the Sister to Sister Connection of WNY is happy to announce that the 16th annual Sister to Sister Summit will be held on Sat. Mar 23, 2013, hosted by Buffalo State College. Over 150 girls attended last year and we want to increase that number this year.

Last year several parents attended the parent track. We are continuing the parent component at a full day in the hopes of increasing parental participation.

All of these activities fit under our goals of widening the horizons of girls as well as helping them to face the challenges they encounter during their teen years.

Once again we are asking your help to make all of this happen. Since we have increased our numbers, our expenses are greater. This year we are asking for \$40.00 per girls to cover these expenses. You have been generous in the past; please help us by supporting one or more girls to attend the Summit either personally or by encouraging any groups to which you belong to donate to this wonderful cause. Thank you.

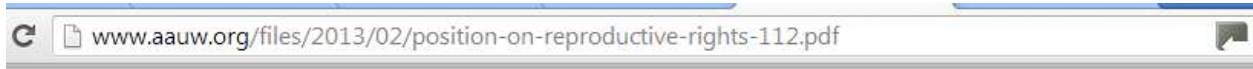
Please send checks to: Girl Scouts of Western New York, attn: Sister to Sister
3332 Walden Ave, Ste 106, Depew, NY 14043

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AAUW is also a main sponsor of sister-to-sister with GSWNY and Planned Parenthood.

<http://www.aauw.org/files/2013/02/position-on-reproductive-rights-112.pdf>



Reproductive Rights: New Beginnings, Continued Challenges

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) supports the right of every woman to safe, accessible, affordable, and comprehensive family planning and reproductive health services. This position stems from AAUW's 2011-2013 Public Policy Program, which advocates, "choice in the determination of one's reproductive life ... increased access to health care and family planning services including expansion of patients' rights," as well as "supports international family planning programs."¹ Family planning fosters self-sufficiency, promotes preventive health care, and educates people on ways to protect themselves and their families from the spread of sexually transmitted infections. AAUW trusts that every woman has the ability to make her own informed choices regarding her reproductive life within the dictates of her own moral and religious beliefs. Further, AAUW believes that these deeply personal decisions should be made without governmental interference. AAUW members have made the protection of reproductive rights a policy principle since 1977.

The Supreme Court's 1973 ruling in *Roe v. Wade* legalized abortion for all women and found abortion to be a constitutionally protected fundamental right. All women, regardless of race, religion, age, or socioeconomic standing have a constitutionally protected right to choose. In order to be more than an abstract right however, this right must include real access to a full range of reproductive health and family planning options. Unfortunately, many of the most vulnerable groups of American women are being denied fundamental control of their reproductive lives due to increasing restrictions successfully advanced by anti-choice lawmakers at both the state and federal levels. Unfortunately, even while taking positive steps for women's health overall, the health care reform law signed by President Barack Obama in March 2010 contained additional restrictions on women's reproductive rights.

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http://www.plannedparenthood.org/ppwny/files/Western-New-York/PP_annual_report09_no_donors.pdf most recent publically published annual report lists Girl Scouts of Greater New York as a community partner (see page 6 of above link)

Planned Parenthood of Western New York

GROWING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Building Healthier Communities

Planned Parenthood of Western New York provides on-going prevention education in Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus and Wyoming Counties. We are proud of the diverse list of community partners working with us to prevent teen pregnancy and spread the message of prevention in our community.

- Niagara Falls Housing Authority
- Niagara Arts and Cultural Center
- Northpointe Council
- Niagara Falls Weed and Seed Program
- Orleans Niagara Boces
- Family and Children Services of Niagara County
- Community Missions of Niagara Frontier
- Highland Community Revitalization Committee
- ReNU Niagara
- Wyoming County Health Department
- Wyoming County Men's and Women's Health Services
- Partners for Prevention
- Planned Parenthood of the Rochester/Syracuse Region Rape Crisis Services
- Cattaraugus Community Action
- Council on Addiction and Recovery Services
- YWCA of Jamestown
- Chautauqua Opportunities Inc.
- Buffalo Public Schools
- Erie County Department of Health
- Erie County Department of Social Services
- Gay & Lesbian Youth Services
- Girl Scouts of Western New York, Inc.
- Heritage Centers
- Joan A. Male Family Support Center
- Kaleida Health
- Native American Community Services

Standing our ground

In 2009, Planned Parenthood of Western New York was able to pass progressive legislation to protect the health and safety of women in New York State Assembly and Senate, as well as on the floor of the New York State Assembly.

Reproductive health care workers from across the state are proud of the work of local New York State Assemblymember Sarah L. Bortone. In 2009, he introduced *Protections for Reproductive Health Act*, designed to enhance penalties for crimes against reproductive health care workers, including volunteers. Planned Parenthood of Western New York announced "*Protections*" was signed into law by Governor Andrew Cuomo on June 29, 2009.

Planned Parenthood of Western New York, along with its affiliates across the state, organized house parties and phone banks to support the introduction and passage of the Reproductive Health Act to protect the right of women in New York State to obtain a