

Activities to celebrate Abortion Provider Appreciation Day

★ *Some activities require reaching out to clinics first: Surprises are fun, but for the sake of security, patient privacy, scheduling (and dietary restrictions!), some activities require planning ahead with the clinic. We've indicated those activities with a star ★. Looking for the address, hours, and/or contact information for the clinic you chose? Start with [our list of member clinics](#) - clinic names link directly to the clinic website.*

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Appreciate Providers:

- Host a postcard party in your home or office and create thank-you cards and affirmations for your local indie clinic (postcards are better than mail in envelopes, security-wise!); [download and print this postcard](#), or create or buy your own.
- Order a bundle of postcards that your organization, friends, and/ or volunteers can fill out and send. You can download the [postcard \(front + back\) here](#); we recommend printing through a local shop or a service like VistaPrint or Kinko's.
- Write a love letter, OpEd, or create a piece of art honoring a local independent abortion clinic; share it online or in your community and be sure to notify clinics if you're sending anything (other than a postcard) by mail!

Treat Providers:

- Support abortion providers and patients by ordering needed items from [clinic wish lists \(from Abortion Access Front\)](#).
- ★ Send a plant or flowers from a local florist or framed artwork to brighten up the clinic, staff break room, or patient waiting area.
- ★ Treat your local clinic to snacks, sweets, an edible arrangement, breakfast, or lunch delivered directly from a local business.



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Treat Providers (continued):

- **Record a video message** from you or your org (or group of friends, volunteers, etc.), including why you celebrate abortion providers & why their work is important. Send it directly to your local clinic or share on social media.
- ★ If your organization is in the same city as the clinic, **coordinate a (COVID-safe) happy hour** at an outdoor bar or restaurant with your staff and clinic staff.
- ★ Are there no COVID-safe options or no indie clinics in your city? **Reach out to see if they'd enjoy a virtual happy hour, coffee break, or game night** – just make sure it's not one more Zoom obligation and that you bring lots of fun and love.

Support Providers:

- **Donate to independent clinics:** every dollar donated to [KeepOurClinics.org](https://www.KeepOurClinics.org) goes directly to indie clinics to help them stay open and care for their communities.
- **Hold a fundraiser for independent clinics:** you can fundraise on sites like Facebook or Instagram, or host an in-person event.
 - House parties are great ways for people to learn more about indie clinics! Share the information from [ACN's Communities Need Clinics report](#) and encourage donations to [KeepOurClinics.org](https://www.KeepOurClinics.org) or to your local clinic.
 - Reach out to donations@abortioncarenetwork.org for more information!
- **Become a patient at an independent clinic. Many clinics provide sexual and reproductive health services** (even if they can't provide abortions currently). Becoming a patient helps to keep clinics open, plus you'll get excellent, non-judgemental care!
- ★ **Connect with your local clinic to see if they need help** planting flowers, painting a fence, or doing other property maintenance or spring cleaning -- you can start planning now, even if they don't need you until later!



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Center Providers:

- **Know how to find an abortion clinic - and make sure everyone in your life does, too!** ineedanA.com is a free, private website where you can find an abortion clinic in the US.
- **Follow, share, and amplify indie clinics on social media.** If you're unsure about whether you're following a clinic's official social media account, check their website for more information. On Instagram, be sure to like, save, and share posts from clinics to increase engagement for the account.
- **Host a COVID-safe gathering or teach-in** (outdoors, with your pod, or by Zoom) centering your local clinic's services and importance to the community.

Celebrate Providers:

- **Join the virtual celebration on social media!** [Use this toolkit](#) for graphics and sample posts, and/ or tweet your love and appreciation for abortion providers between March 6-12 using the hashtag #CelebrateAbortionProviders.
- **★ Sidewalk chalk around the clinic with messages of support for patients and staff** (be sure to contact your clinic to check on any property/ security issues!).
- **Ask your city to recognize Abortion Provider Appreciation Day.** Clinics, advocates, and organizers throughout the US can pass proclamations officially recognizing March 10th as Abortion Provider Appreciation Day. If you are interested this year or in future years please see ["Declaring Abortion Provider Appreciation Day in Your Community: A Proclamation Toolkit"](#) created by ACN, the National Institute for Reproductive Health, and the National Network of Abortion Funds.

