

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, and 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 info for the clinic you chose? Start with [ACN member clinics](#) – clinic names link to each clinic's website.

Celebrate providers:

- **Send a digital love note!** Let abortion providers know that they have your support, care, and kudos by [leaving them a message on our Kudoboard!](#)
- **Host a postcard party and write notes of love and appreciation for indie clinics** (postcards are better than letters in envelopes, security-wise!);
 - you can [download and print this postcard \(front + back\)](#) (consider using a printing service to get a bundle), or create or buy your own;
 - You can find a [list of indie clinics here](#) - click on the clinic link for their address.
- **Write an OpEd, publish a love letter, 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!
- ★ **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!)



Celebrate providers:

- **Join the virtual celebration on social media!** Use this toolkit for graphics and sample posts, and/ or share your love and appreciation for abortion providers using the hashtag **#CelebrateAbortionProviders**.
- **Ask your city to recognize Abortion Provider Appreciation Day.** Clinics, advocates, and organizers throughout the US can pass resolutions 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".

Treat providers:

- Support abortion providers and patients directly by **ordering needed items from clinic wish lists** (compiled by 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 to them from a local business.
- **Record a video message from you or your organization (or group of friends, volunteers, etc.)**, including why you celebrate abortion providers and the work they do. Send it directly to your local clinic or share it on social media.
- ★ If your organization is in the same city as a clinic, **coordinate a (COVID-safe) happy hour or other activity** at a local spot to treat and connect with 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 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 a great way for people to learn about indie clinics! Share the information from ACN's Communities Need Clinics report and encourage donations to 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! [Find an ACN member clinic.](#)
- **★ 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!

Get to know 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 account, check their website for links. On Instagram, be sure to like, save, and share posts from clinics to increase engagement for them.
- **Host a gathering or teach-in** (with COVID precautions, outdoors, or by Zoom) centering your local clinic's services and importance to the community.

