It has been an intense year, to say the least. Especially for the people—like you and all of Trust Women’s supporters—who care deeply about eradicating the injustice and inequality that plagues our country.

This past year, Trust Women has built up its internal systems as the profile and visibility of the organization has grown. What began at my kitchen table, has grown into a system of three clinics—with organizing boots on the ground in two states—and nearly 40 staff (as well as over a dozen physicians).

Thank you for your commitment and generosity in the face of what seems like overwhelming odds. You have done the heavy lifting and proven that despite all the obstacles—and there have been many—you are adamant about abortion access.

In the pages ahead, you’ll read more about how Trust Women is working towards a future where women and all people can access reproductive health care, including abortions, regardless of where they live or their ability to pay. This work includes advocacy, physician recruitment and communications.

Looking back on this year, what I am struck by most is the particularly cruel rhetoric coming from Trump’s administration. While I’m not surprised, the sound bites on the news are a daily reminder how hard we need to fight to protect our values.

I want you to know there are thousands of women who you have helped, directly and indirectly, this year. We are honored to have you as a partner in this challenging work.

Please use this report as a chance to learn more about our clinic system and all the defense and support required to make abortion care feasible in anti-choice states.

Thank you for being in this fight with us for the long haul.

Julie A. Burkhart
Founder and CEO
TRUST WOMEN OPEN CLINICS THAT PROVIDE ABORTION CARE IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES SO THAT ALL WOMEN CAN MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS ABOUT THEIR HEALTH CARE.
RESULTS THAT CHANGE LIVES

Trust Women’s clinic in Wichita, Kansas has been operating for over 4 years.

This past year, we added more physicians to our roster and increased the digital marketing budget. In Wichita, our clinic saw 6.5% more patients, including a 47.9% increase in patients seeking transgender care.

Our second clinic—in Oklahoma City—celebrated its one-year anniversary on Sept. 10. Boasting a population of 1.4 million, Oklahoma City was the largest city in the United States without an abortion provider until we opened our doors. While we anticipated a gradual increase in patients; the actual need was overwhelming. In its first year of operation, this clinic served 1,580 people from 15 different states.

Despite all the obstacles, these clinics continue to flourish and provide high quality comprehensive reproductive health care to a diverse patient population. We are committed to providing compassionate, nonjudgmental care. We are honored to serve people in need.

Here is what one patient said about why she chose Trust Women as the clinic for her: “The staff was really friendly and nice. I had first [spoken] with Bonnie on the phone and she was the nicest person I spoke with from all the other centers I had [spoken] with and [it] was a key factor in why I chose this facility over my other options.”
THOSE WHO SAY IT CANNOT BE DONE SHOULD NOT INTERRUPT THOSE WHO ARE DOING IT

Photo by Mike Shotz
Words are from a sign given to Julie from Dr. Tiller that hangs in her office.
LEAN IN TO ABORTION CARE
OUR THIRD CLINIC

In 2017, Seattle Medical and Wellness Clinic in Washington State approached Trust Women about purchasing and assuming operations of the clinic. The owner was retiring after 20 years of practice.

With the looming threat of changes to the U.S. Supreme Court and the unpredictable nature of the Trump administration, we decided it was prudent to own a clinic in a state that constitutionally protects a woman’s right to an abortion. This clinic ensures Trust Women can continue to provide abortion care to women should abortion care come under threat nationally.

Here are a few of the key factors we looked at in deciding this clinic would be a good fit for Trust Women.

First, the clinic is located on the 12th floor of a building with security services, meaning security will NOT have to be funded by Trust Women.

Second, this purchase does not involve real estate, only the purchase of the practice and equipment. There is no underlying mortgage or loan payment. The building is owned by the State of Washington, to whom we pay rent with a renewable lease agreement.

Lastly, the Pacific Northwest presents us with the opportunity to recruit more physicians who are willing to travel and provide care in other states, creating a physician pipeline for our clinic system.

It is surreal operating a clinic in a state that is not hell bent on controlling women’s bodies. As this practice continues to grow, we are looking forward to opportunities to reach and serve more people.

Here are a few things we are looking forward to:

- Expanding services in this clinic to offer full-spectrum gynecological care and LGBTQIA health services, including hormone therapy.
- Offering more opportunities for residents and medical students to shadow and train in reproductive health care, including abortion.
- Exploring ways to serve more underserved populations.
WHAT OUR PATIENTS SAY

Trust Women has a no turn away policy, regardless of ability to pay. The increase in requests for assistance in 2016 led to the creation of a full-time funding coordinator position.

The coordinator manages our in-house abortion fund—the Dana fund—and works with eleven other funds, regionally and nationally, to ensure women can get the health care they need.

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“I felt like I was talking to a real friend that I had known for years. My anxiety and fear was completely gone.”
- Maddison

$230 support on average

“The staff was SUPER helpful and caring. It was a better atmosphere and experience than I could have ever hoped for.”
- Hannah

“My doctor also went out of her way to make sure that my birth control methods were working for me.”
- Allie

12 different funds

“They held my hand through the process, wonderful people.”
- Brittany

$338,453.59 grand total
Be-IUD-iful

Trust Women Wichita is offering reduced-cost, long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs). We have served about 75 women, and provided free methods for those who qualify.

LARCs, such as IUDs (intrauterine devices) and implants, provide effective birth control for 3 to 10 years and are the most effective form of birth control available.

Trust Women received a grant of $88,640 from an anonymous donor to make LARCs available to qualified patients.

Women with low income or who are uninsured may call 316-260-6934 to learn more about the program and to see if they qualify.

“This program will allow us to help women who do not wish to have children at this time, but who might not be able to afford long-acting reversible contraception.”

- Julie Burkhart
BROADCASTING THE WORD

Trust Women’s communications team continues sharing the unique challenges of operating clinics that provide abortion care, despite constant harassment. We are reaching new audiences and sharing our stories. We have been featured in several major news outlets, and have been busy working to highlight the undue burdens facing women across the nation in abortion care.

We are not shying away from a dense discussion on abortion, on pregnancy, on bodily autonomy or on anti-choice extremism. This past year, Julie has written several opinion and perspective pieces for The Hill and Huffington Post. We are putting out more content, all of which can be found on our website—which is getting a makeover and upgrade.

Highlights from our 2017 media coverage (a full list can be found at itrustwomen.org)

- Kansas Law Requires Abortion Doctors to Give Patients Their Resumes: Popsugar (7/27/17)
- The Smartest Man in the World podcast: Greg Proops at the ACM Performance Lab in OK (7/15/17)
- Hey, Democratic Candidates: Pro-Choice Women Are Your Base: The Nation (7/13/17)
- Brownback signs abortion measure that sets font, info requirements: The Wichita Eagle (6/7/17)
- Women are dying in America — why aren’t lawmakers helping: The Hill (5/18/17)
- Court considers whether constitution protects right to an abortion: The Wichita Eagle (3/16/17)
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- A New Oklahoma Abortion Bill Would Require Women to Get Permission for Abortions: SELF (2/7/17)
LIES INTO LAWS

To highlight the hypocrisy of anti-choice restrictions that harm women, Trust Women teamed up with the National Partnership for Women and Families and ran two successful social media campaigns in the summer of 2017. A new report from the Guttmacher Institute shows that Kansas and Oklahoma are ranked 1st and 2nd for states with the most abortion restrictions based on lies.

We used the release of this report to educate more people in Kansas and Oklahoma about these laws and to identify new supporters through Facebook ads.
Martin Luther King Jr. stated plainly “the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.” We saw just that in June of 2016 when the U.S. Supreme Court struck down Texas’ TRAP law, or House Bill 2.

It takes a long time for an unconstitutional law to be reversed. In Texas, it took 2 years, 11 months and 21 days. While it worked its way through the court system, hundreds of women were negatively impacted by this law.

Trust Women’s clinics saw first-hand what happens when access to abortion is cut off. Soon after House Bill 2 passed, people from Texas began calling to find out whether we could see them in Wichita because clinics in Texas were unable to fulfill their need. Women who were able to make appointments often had to wait weeks—leading to a cost increase—or had to drive hundreds of miles to be seen outside their state. Most of the Texas patients we saw traveled over 600 miles round-trip.

Despite a positive court decision, many clinics that were closed have not reopened. It’s no surprise, considering all the logistical and financial systems that go into running a health care clinic.

A clinic must relicense for occupancy, for lab certification, for the health
Department—all take time and finesse; buying, renting or building new facilities; hiring doctors and staff; and purchasing equipment, instruments and furniture all over again. That’s just the start. Once a clinic closes a multitude of factors come into play, which make reopening enormously lengthy at best and entirely unrealistic at worst.

Since June of 2016, Trust Women has seen 44 Texas patients, more than we’ve seen in the 3 previous years. While many find our Oklahoma City clinic closer, on average most are still traveling 300+ miles round trip. The struggle to access abortion is the real cost of anti-choice restrictions. These laws disproportionately affect lower income women and women of color.

Data to quantify the damage done is being collected and analyzed—including data collected from our clinics in Kansas and Oklahoma with UCSF’s Bixby Center (bixbycenter.ucsf.edu).

It may take years to determine the punishing effects of this restriction. The bottom line is women need access to abortions. That’s why Trust Women’s vision is all women will have access to health care, including abortions, regardless of where they live or their ability to pay.
WORKING FOR JUSTICE

Trust Women has spent the past year focused on increasing opportunities for action and mobilization. The rights and dignity of a person do not change based on their pregnancy status. We continue to spread our public outreach with volunteer opportunities, voter education, policy work and coalition efforts.

This year our canvass spanned two states. We expanded the scope in Kansas, covering districts in Kansas City and venturing into rural Western Kansas. And for the first time we went door-to-door in Oklahoma, building a stronger base of support and introducing ourselves to our neighbors.

During the last legislative session, Trust Women lobbied in both Kansas and Oklahoma, playing key roles in the opposition of anti-choice legislation. In Oklahoma we were successful in seeing no anti-choice bills pass. We fought anti-choice legislation at every step, providing expert testimonies and briefing lawmakers. Kansas passed one bill requiring doctors performing abortions to give women more information about themselves 24-hours in advance. Like many anti-choice restrictions, the real purpose of this new law was to create more bureaucratic red tape for abortion providers.

Here are a few of our advocacy accomplishments in 2017:

- Lobby days in Kansas and Oklahoma that connected citizens with their representatives to hold our elected officials accountable.
- Hosted luncheons to brief and educate state legislators on anti-choice restrictions.
- Organized with local activist groups on events such as the Women’s March on Wichita and the Kansas People’s Agenda rally in Topeka.
- Spoke on panels and presented at conferences and universities across the country on reproductive rights and justice, abortion access, grassroots organizing and voter engagement. Julie personally spoke with audiences at University of Oklahoma, Rutgers University, Washington University and University of California Berkley among others.
- Launched our grassroots-organizing program Trust Women Talk Shops. These are house events hosted by Trust Women supporters to inform and mobilize pro-choice identified voters.

Photo by Dale Small
CANVASS RESULTS

This year, our canvass team knocked on doors to identify pro-choice voters and educate voters about the private insurance ban on abortion care in Kansas and Oklahoma.

To stop attacks on abortion access and reproductive rights, we must hold our elected officials accountable from the ground up. One-on-one voter engagement is the most effective tool for changing voter perception and voter behavior—more effective than phone calls or direct mail in mobilizing people to take action. So Trust Women’s canvass program is working on changing the way our society talks about abortion; creating a dialogue that does not shame women and opens opportunities for more dense discussions.

These conversations are just the beginning. We will engage all of the pro-choice id’s we have acquired so that they will be motivated to vote in upcoming elections. Supporters will also help influence elected officials to pass policies that benefit women and their families, without shame or judgement.

38,201 doors knocked
over 2K hours of door knocking

5,689 doorstep conversations
3,298 pro-choice id’s
2,282 new supporters
232 volunteers

(These are interim results for this report as we wrap up another 24,000 doors).
TRUST WOMEN’S 2016 GALA

One week after the 2016 election, Trust Women hosted Carol Mosely Braun at our 5th annual gala. Coming together with other like-minded individuals a week after the election was fortifying. Ambassador Braun shared her experience trailblazing as the first African American woman elected to the U.S. Senate. Reminding us that “every day is a gift” and encouraging us to not give up the fight.

Nearly 200 people celebrated another year of commitment to expanding access and the recent opening of our Oklahoma City clinic.

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EXPANDING POSSIBILITIES

The message and mission of Trust Women has inspired thousands of people to invest in expanding abortion access. Our robust communications work nationwide has led to an increased profile for Trust Women and with that, increased support.

People are hungry for proactive work in the most challenging parts of our country. We have also made many inroads with foundations and grant support. Organizations recognize we have a unique approach and voice in the reproductive rights movement. They are especially impressed by the large-scale direct service and advocacy work we are able to accomplish with a relatively small staff.

Our amazing supporters and contributors are the real individuals who make this possible. Trust Women exists because of people like you. Thank you.

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