FACTS ABOUT

THE ABORTION RIGHTS FUND OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS

Since 1987, the Fund has worked to:

- provide interest-free loans to help low-income women obtain medically safe abortions
- raise public awareness of the hardships and dangers that women suffer as a result of legal and economic restrictions
- support efforts to restore public funding for abortions
- subsidize free pregnancy testing in Western MA
- organize clinic defense
- subsidize post-abortion counseling groups
- educate about and advocate for reproductive freedom

Women who use the Fund are:

- primarily young: over half are 17 or younger
- without health insurance, even if they work outside the home
- low income, but not eligible for medicaid
- pregnant, sometimes due to contraceptive failure
- rape and incest victims
- students in high school, trade school, or college
- homeless or battered
- residents of Hampshire, Hampden, Berkshire, or Franklin counties

The Fund relies primarily upon:

- donations from concerned individuals
- grants from foundations
- volunteers
- loan repayments which approximate 10%

How the Fund operates:

- Women who need loans are referred by health-care providers, or can reach us directly by calling 413-582-3532
- calls are returned by a trained counselor
- Loan amounts and repayment schedules are determined on a case-by-case basis
- Loans are granted in the form of payments to clinics or physicians

Your contribution is critical because:

- While abortion remains legal, women without financial resources are denied access.
- The Abortion Rights Fund of Western Massachusetts offers interest-free loans to women who cannot afford abortions.
- The number of women we can fund is limited by our resources
- The past three years has seen a threefold increase

THE ABORTION RIGHTS FUND IS COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING ALL WOMEN'S CHOICES.

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