

## *Vagina Extravaganza!*

F.L.A.M.E. wants to thank everybody who was involved in the planning and production of this year's Vagina Monologues! The show was a huge success, and it sold out both nights of production! Thanks to everybody's hard work, F.L.A.M.E. will be able to donate nearly \$2,000 to the YWCA Stepping Stones program, CDV Neville House, and Sexual Assault Prevention and Survivor Services on campus! This on top of donating 10 percent of the proceeds to the women of the Democratic Republic of the Congo!

F.L.A.M.E. would like specifically to thank kClare Kemock and Amanda Roark for putting in endless hours in directing this year's show. In addition, this show would not have been possible without the hard work and effort of the amazing cast women! We would also like to thank YWCA Stepping Stones, Planned Parenthood, T.A.G. members, the G-Spot, Gail Trimpe-Morrow, the Illinois Choice Action Team, Women's and Gender Studies, and Midcentral Community Action for providing volunteers and tables at the show. We would also like to thank all of our sponsors, whose donations made this year's production the success it was. Last but not least, we would like to thank all the F.L.A.M.E. members that donated their time and effort to the show. Without the community that was created this year, this would not have been possible. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! You are all amazing!

In Feminism,  
 Brandy, Brigid, Kati, Liz, Julie, and Elise



2009 Vagina Monologues Cast and Crew!

Cast: Tracy Bovee, Erin Box, Kaitlin Christakos, Lauren Colby, Kathryn DeWitt, Krista Fanning, Anitra Hines, Vicky Hurst, Annie Jaeger, Amanda Lorenz, Hillary Miller, Rebecca Miller, Brittani Mosinski, Sara Neiman, Sara Phillips, Katie Sebal, Kelsey Sharp, Misti Sommers, Tonya Starnes, Jess Strohfeltd, Samantha Thomas, Laura Tiemens, Viola Woolums, and Kelly Wren

Crew: kClare Kemock, Amanda Roark, Brigid McCormick, Brandy Peak, Kati Cruger, Liz Dribin, Elise Franchi, Julie Wachtenheim

### Save the Dates: Upcoming FLAME Info

- March 16: Drew Anastasia, past F.L.A.M.E. president and FTM transgender will be speaking to us at 8 p.m. in SSB375.
- March 30: We will have a speaker come in to talk about beauty and cosmetics. This will be in our regular meeting spot in Rachel Cooper at 8 p.m.





## Campaign to Expose Fake Clinics

### Pregnancy Tests Don't Lie. But Fake Clinics Do.

They advertise as so-called "Crisis Pregnancy Centers" or "Pregnancy Resource Centers" on your campus or in your community. They pose as legitimate health centers and offer "free" pregnancy tests. In reality, most crisis pregnancy centers (CPC's) are not medical facilities at all.

Some fake clinics coerce and intimidate women out of considering abortion as an option, and prevent women from receiving neutral and comprehensive medical advice. They are typically run by anti-abortion volunteers who are not licensed medical professionals. Often listed in the Yellow pages under "Pregnancy," "Medical," "Abortion," or "Clinics," fake clinics use deceptive names and locate just steps away from a Planned Parenthood or other legitimate women's health care facilities in order to confuse women.

Fake clinics target college students by locating near campuses and advertising heavily on campuses through info kiosks, posters, newspapers, billboards, etc. They urge campus health centers to refer students seeking information on abortion to them. According to a 2008 survey by FMF, 48% of responding campus health centers refer students to these clinics.

Today there are an estimated 2,593 CPCs nationwide. Most fake clinics are affiliated with one or more national umbrella organizations. Two of the largest networks are Heartbeat International describing itself as "pro-life" and providing alternatives to abortion, and Care Net, "a Christian ministry assisting and promoting the evangelistic, pro-life work" affiliated with the fundamentalist Christian Action Council. For more information visit <http://www.feministcampus.org/act/cpc/default.asp>

## True Life: I Went to a CPC

*"The pamphlets they gave me were unbelievable. One said 'Don't Be AIDS' Next Victim! Condoms will NOT Protect You!' Another said emergency contraception was an 'abortifacient drug;' another claimed IUDs cause abortions and stated that 'abortion is an act of direct killing that takes the life of a tiny human being.' One of the women came into my room in the center and asked if she could pray with me. I didn't know what to do, so I said, 'Ok.' On my way out, she gave me a tiny male plastic fetus along with a small book of the New Testament entitled Hope for the Future with instructions on how to convert to Christianity."*

*Lillian Bixler, Junior, Scripps College California*

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**ABSTINENCE AS A  
FAMILY PLANNING  
POLICY  
REALLY SUCKS.**

It's time to demand better U.S. policies and increased funding for reproductive health here and around the world. Sign the petition at [www.feministcampus.org](http://www.feministcampus.org)



*"After being sexually assaulted I found out I was pregnant. I looked up a local women's clinic – or so I thought. I had suffered a great trauma, and I needed honesty, answers and information about*

*abortion. But what I got was anti-choice information – false information that abortion caused cancer and infertility. The people there even opposed birth control. I left feeling shocked... and disgusted. These 'clinics' are a danger to women's health, and they should be shut down."*

*Former Ohio college student*

