

Margaret Sanger

1879-1966

Margaret was raised in an impoverished family, where she was one of eleven children. While growing up, Margaret experienced first hand the need for women's health and contraception. It was then that she decided to become a nurse to help improve the lives of other women. As a young nurse in New York, Sanger had become appalled at both the human devastations of uncontrollable child bearing, and the social restrictions on the discussion of contraception. She was determined to make birth control a basic human right and she endured harassment, incarceration, and public vilification of all kinds, until she saw it accomplished. Margaret Sanger was solely responsible for bringing about the universal availability of safe, legal, and affordable contraception to women in America and abroad.