



Access Care of Coastal Texas, Inc.  
 Education, testing, care and support services for HIV-affected residents in  
 Galveston, Brazoria & Matagorda Counties  
**April 2015**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Lee’s Art Lesson this month will be on Thursday, April 9th at 11 a.m. We will be making Art out of recycled magazines. So come join the fun.
- The Volunteer Appreciation by the C.A.B. will be on Tuesday, April 14th at 5:30 p.m.
- The Houston Volunteer Lawyers will be here on April 16th at 9 a.m. Be sure to call Sally to make an appointment or to find out what services they offer.

**APRIL EVENTS**

The San Luis will be preparing and serving our Easter Brunch on Thursday, April 2nd. They always do a fabulous job so call early for transportation.

April 12th - 18th is National Volunteer Appreciation Week. The C.A.B. (Consumer Advocacy Board) is planning a Volunteer Appreciation dinner on Tuesday, April 14th at 5:30 p.m. Invitations will be sent to the many active volunteers and board members that help make ACCT work. If you receive an invitation, PLEASE R.S.V.P. This C.A.B. group is very imaginative, hard workers and go getters!

Joe, his family and Misty are planning a “Cinco De Mayo” lunch on April 30th. With all those good cooks, it is bound to be “Muy Bueno”!

**FREE HIV TESTING**

ACCT does free, anonymous testing every day during regular business hours.

**NEW SERVICE FOR THE COMMUNITY**

Planned Parenthood will once again be working with ACCT. They will be providing FREE S.T.D. testing twice a month. Judith Castellar, an HIV Prevention Specialist, will be testing on Thursday, April 9th and the 23rd from 10:30 – 2 p.m.

**CLIENTS**

The Clothes Closet is Open! Please come in and check out the newly renovated space. You are welcome to “shop” and donate but please take only what you need so there is enough for everyone.

**BERING DENTAL**

ACCT is now providing transportation to Bering Dental Clinic twice a month. This month it will be on Friday, March 20th and Friday, the 27th. You need to call the clinic at 713-524-7933 to make an appointment. Tell them you will be receiving transportation from ACCT. Bering requires you to make your own appointment. There is space for 11 clients each trip.

## **ANNUAL CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH**

The major fundraiser for ACCT is the Champagne Brunch. This year the Brunch will be Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at the Galveston Island Convention Center from noon to 3 p.m. "Lilies & Pearls", Celebrating 30 years on the Coast, is our theme this year. This is a casual, fun afternoon to kick off the summer with a great brunch buffet, lively music and a "one of a kind" auction with original art by local artists as well as other "finds". If you would like to donate to the auction, be a sponsor or reserve tickets call Pam or Robert at 409-763-2437 or to get more information.

## **KROGER SUPPORTS ACCT**

For those of you, who shop at Kroger or the Kroger Family of Stores, please consider linking your Kroger Community Rewards Card to ACCT. These donations add up quickly, and greatly assist our organization with our day-to-day operations, pantry supplies and our Friends Feeding Friends project. If you haven't already linked your Kroger Rewards account to ACCT, please do so today. Access your account by going to Kroger.com and linking to ACCT.

## **"FRIENDS FEEDING FRIENDS"**

One of our favorite friends, Charlene, not only donated a lunch last month but also picked up the chicken and fixin's, served it, and brought the birthday cake! Whew. Great Job! We serve clients and one guest lunch every Thursday at noon. If you would like to donate a lunch, cook or help out, please call ACCT at 400-763-2437 to

volunteer. In a, we have Thursday, the 26th open and would welcome someone or a group to prepare a lunch for our clients.

## **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**

- To our "stand by" news team Nathan, Robert and "stamper extraordinaire" our own Joe!
- The Greek Orthodox Church for donating all of the wonderful cookies for our March lunch!
- Brack and the Tideway group for the tasty Chicken Enchiladas, Rice & Beans!
- Charlene for bringing delicious cakes from ShyKatz for our birthday celebrations!

## **WISH LIST**

- We are now accepting clean, "gently used" clothes for our new clothes room.
- Pet food is always welcome for our client's cats and dogs.
- Cleaning supplies for our clients especially antibacterial soaps and bleach.
- We have a small "lending" library so any books or magazines you would care to donate would be greatly appreciated.