



Access Care of Coastal Texas, Inc.  
 Education, testing, care and support services for HIV-affected residents in  
 Galveston, Brazoria & Matagorda Counties  
 December 2016

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Lee's Art Lesson this month will be on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. Come join the fun!
- The Houston Volunteer Lawyers will be here on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. Please call to make an appointment.
- The San Luis will be doing our Holiday Lunch on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at noon. We are planning on a big group so make sure and secure your van transportation with Darron.
- ACCT will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Holiday.

## ACCT OUTREACH

Mark H. is the Outreach Coordinator and does free HIV testing around the counties. Testing in December will be as follows:

- December 13<sup>th</sup> LaFittes 8 p.m. – 10 p.m.
- December 14<sup>th</sup> Rumors 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
- December 15<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> St. 8 p.m. – 10 p.m.
- December 19<sup>th</sup> Kemah Palms 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

ACCT offers free anonymous testing every day Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. – noon at 707 23<sup>rd</sup> Street in Galveston.

## Attention!

A REQUIREMENT OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT IS THAT YOU MUST FILE IRS TAX RETURNS FOR THE YEAR THAT YOU RECEIVED BENEFITS! THIS MUST BE DONE NO LATER THAN APRIL 15, 2017. **A COPY OF THOSE TAXES MUST BE TURNED INTO ACCT NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2017.** *FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS REQUIREMENT WILL RESULT IN LOSS OF BENEFITS THROUGH RYAN WHITE, TEXAS STATE SERVICES (DSHS) AND THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (OBAMA CARE)* A LIST OF FREE TAX SERVICE ASSISTANCE AGENCIES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY OF ACCT. This is a requirement of the agencies list above not ACCT.

## CLIENTS

All clients will be getting a call or a letter from ACCT to update your file. To stay active and receive services you MUST update when notified. Please help us help you by following through with the instructions in the request.

## BERING DENTAL

There will be agency van transportation to Bering Dental on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays every month. Bering requires you to make your own appointment so call the clinic at 713-524-7933. Tell them that you will be using ACCT for transportation. Any questions, call Darron at ACCT for help. Dental hygiene is the basis of good health!

## SUPPORT GROUP

The HIV Support Group for individuals meets every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 12:45. The format of the meetings has been changed to “HIV 12 Step Support”. This should not be confused with the other 12 step meetings held at the center. At this time the meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month at 12:45pm. The hope is that these meetings, if popular, can be expanded to weekly and in the evenings. Open to everyone in the community affected by HIV.

## SPECIAL THANKS TO G.I.H.S.

The Galveston Island Humane Society has been a good friend to ACCT for many years. When they have “extra” cat or dog food they always share! Our client greatly appreciate their many donation.

## “FRIENDS FEEDING FRIENDS”

The first of the year brings new opportunities to help with Thursday’s lunches either cooking, donating or help serve. John Ford donated a lunch and Robert Steele and Kevin Carrigan have donated 2 lunches. Thanks guys – great start for 2017!

We serve clients and a guest lunch every Thursday at noon. It is \$100 to sponsor a lunch, and we feed approximately 50 people each week. If you would like to donate a lunch, cook or help out, please call ACCT at 409-763-2437 to volunteer.

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

- Our faithful Newsletter team Dianna, Sandra, George, Carol & stamper Joe!
- Wynona and Andrea for their always wonderful cookies and pies!
- Brack’s GREAT group from Tideway for the always tasty Tortilla Soup and cornbread!
- Volunteer Rebecca for keeping the Clothes Room tidy!
- Turnabout participants for raising \$3,000 for ACCT at Rumors Bar on the Seawall!

Thank You!

**CHERYL MOGRIDGE**

**ROBERT STEELE**

FOR

**CLOTHES, ACCESSORIES,  
APPLIANCES. CAT & DOG FOOD,  
OFFICE SUPPLIES & HYGIENE**

## WISH LIST

- We are still accepting “gently” used clothing, shoes and clothes hangers.
- Pet food is always welcome for our client’s cats and dogs.
- Cleaning supplies for our clients especially antibacterial soaps and bleach.
- Books for our lending library.