



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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ACCT will be testing at 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Station on Wednesday, Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7 p.m.
- ACCT will be testing at Lafitte's Bar on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5 – 7 p.m.
- There will be a C.A.B. meeting on Thursday, M
- Lee's Art Lesson this month will be on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. The theme for the annual fundraiser is "Sail into Summer" so clients will be making small sailboats for the auction. Come join the fun!
- The Houston Volunteer Lawyers will be here on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Please call to make an appointment.

## ATTENTION 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.

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

May 5<sup>th</sup> is Cinco de Mayo and also our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. We will be having traditional Mexican food and will honor a very deserving volunteer. Not to give anything away but come join us for a great lunch and the recognition of a TRUE volunteer!

## ANNUAL CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

"Sail into Summer" is the theme for this year's major fundraiser and all around GREAT TIME! Returning to the beautiful Galveston Island Convention Center on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 from Noon to 3pm. We have a fabulous brunch buffet, cool raffle items, fun auction items and delightful music provided by Genece. For more information please call Pam or Robert at 409.763.2437.

## HAILING A CAB

The Client Advisory Board needs you to join the crew! Participants in the CAB not only advise the agency's staff in different areas of service to our clients, but also have a leading voice in the way services are provided. In a variety of ways, CAB members have their opinions and ideas heard, and also fill active roles in the development and implementation of programs that serve all clients. This provides a valued service to the agency, as well as a way to "pay it forward" for the involved client. One very important and useful way of participation in the CAB is in the area of proposing specific services, and helping determine how those services are carried out.

*James, CAB President*

## ALL ABOARD!

The CAB is presently forming a special committee to work with the Executive Director in asking for funding for the delivery of food

pantry to clients' homes. This is a service that has been requested by many for a very long time. Now is the time for your input. We see light at the end of the tunnel. It is the time to focus, push, and make this a reality. Please make plans to attend a CAB meeting regarding this on Thursday, May 26, at 1:00pm. Join us for a delicious lunch at noon and stay for a very important meeting.

### **FREE HIV TESTING**

ACCT offers free anonymous testing every day during regular business hours. Knowledge is power! Get tested today.

### **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.

### **SUPPORT GROUP**

The HIV Support Group for individuals meets every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 12:30.

### **"FRIENDS FEEDING FRIENDS"**

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!**

- Super Newsletter team Carol, Nathan & our super-duper staff!

- Tamara for killer beef stroganoff and great salad!
- Brack's group from Tideway for the fabulous Shrimp & Grits, tasty salad and garlic bread!
- ViiV Pharmaceutical for the super Gino's pizza and salad!
- Andrea and Wynona's extraordinary, one of a kind cookies!
- Ann for reorganizing our kitchen and always cracking the kitchen whip!
- Karen for labeling and organizing the "Clothes Room" weekly!

### **Donations**

Clothes, Accessories, Appliances.  
Cat Food, Paper Goods & Hygiene

Felix Covarrubias  
Val Speer  
Robert Steele

### **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.