



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

**ACCT WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 31ST.
 PLEASE PLAN APPROPRIATLY.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ACCT will be testing at Lafitte’s Bar on Tuesday, October 11th from 5 – 7 p.m.
- ACCT will be testing at 23rd St. Station on Thursday, October 13th from 5-7 p.m.
- Lee’s Art Lesson this month will be on Thursday, October 13th at 11 a.m. We will have card stock if you are interested in entering the Holiday Card Contest or you can make a Breast Cancer Pin. Come join the fun!
- The next C.A.B. will not be until November 17th.
- The Houston Volunteer Lawyers will be here on Thursday, October 20th at 9 a.m. Please call to make an appointment.
- San Luis will be bringing a special lunch for our Halloween Party!

WELCOME MARK H.

Our newest staff member, Mark Hinson, has joined the ACCT team as the Outreach and Volunteer Services Coordinator. He is a native Texas Cityian and has most recently served with Gulf Coast as the HIV Outreach Manager. Mark H. is a trained Peer Recovery Coach and is very excited to be working with ACCT staff and looks forward to meeting all of our clients.

Mark H. says to ALL clients stop by and meet him whether you need him or not. He is so “pumped” to be working with our In-House artist Lee Runion. They have come up with a Holiday Card Contest. Prizes Galore!

2016 ANGEL TREE SIGN-UP

Once again this year ACCT has been invited to be a part of the Moody Methodist Angel Tree program. Please call or come by and speak to Donna about including your child in this wonderful program. Children eligible for the program must live in the home 51% of the time and be a biological, or stepchild of a current spouse, or legally adopted, or a child that the client has legal guardianship.

Sign up for the “Angel Tree” is Monday, October 3rd –Friday, October 14th.

HOLIDAY CARD CONTEST

Calling all clients! The 1st Annual Holiday Card Contest with the theme “Stamp Out the Stigma of HIV/AIDS”. The winning card will be reproduced and sent to community sponsors and friends of ACCT. The purpose is to raise awareness for a Happy, Healthy, Holiday Season.

The art must be no larger than 5x7 and on canvas or heavy stock paper. The grand prize is a \$100 gift card.

COSTUME CONTEST

Get ready for the 3rd Annual Halloween Costume Contest! Put your imagination to work and come join the Party catered by the San Luis Convention Center on Thursday, October 27th at noon. There will be gift cards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

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. Please help us help you by following through with the instructions in the request.

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 1st and 3rd 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. Good dental hygiene is the basis of good health!

SUPPORT GROUP

The HIV Support Group for individuals meets every 1st and 3rd 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

1st and 3rd 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.

Thank You!

Bets Anderson

Patrick Collins

Rhonda James

Molly & Raymond Kozak

In Memory of Raymond Kozak

Samantha Robinson

For

Clothes, Accessories, Appliances. Cat

Food, Office Supplies & Hygiene

COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Comprehensive Energy Program (CEAP) is a federally-funded utility assistance program. CEAP is designed to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate energy needs and to encourage consumers to control energy costs for years to come through energy education. Through this initiative, GCCAC assists families having incomes at or below 150% of the federal poverty income guidelines by reducing their heating and cooling costs and addressing health and safety issues in their homes through energy-efficiency measures. To apply call GCCAC for an appointment. 409-765-7878

"FRIENDS FEEDING FRIENDS"

THANK YOU FRIENDS! We sent out an e-mail asking to fill 4 open Thursday lunches for the rest of the year. Immediately we received checks from Pat Bumpus, John Ford for a lunch and 4 from John White. Those are just a few of our 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 Dianna, Eve, Sandra, George, & stamper Joe!
- Andrea for her pineapple upside down cake, chocolate cake with bacon syrup icing!
- Wynona for her always wonderful cookies!
- Brack's group from Tideway for the great spaghetti, salad and garlic bread!
- Jessica & Alex for the super duper enchiladas, beans and rice!
- Mary Farragher, Sophia Longoria and Kim Wood for the divine Pork and Sausage Ragu!
- Emily, John, Gary and Michael from Viiv Pharmaceutical and Dr. John Fuchs expertise on Mental Health and STDs!

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.



Are you (PrEP)ared?

Stop by to get free information about PrEP!

- What is PrEP?
- How much does it cost?
- Are there any side effects?

Taking PrEP every day can help you and your partner from becoming infected with HIV.

More information can be found at ProjectInform.org/prep.

Holiday Happenings

Halloween Costume Contest

San Luis Does Lunch

Thursday, October 27th Noon

THANKSGIVING LUNCH

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17th NOON

WORLD AIDS DAY

Thursday, December 1st

Xiix Pharmaceutical does Lunch 11 a.m.

Christmas Party

San Luis Does Lunch

Thursday, December 15th Noon

Call early to reserve transportation for all events.