



Access Care of Coastal Texas, Inc.
Education, testing, care and support services for HIV-affected residents in
Galveston, Brazoria & Matagorda Counties
June 2017

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 grant agencies listed above not ACCT.

ANNUAL CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

The “South of the Border” Ole! Brunch was a huge hit! We sold 357 seats and made over \$38,000 from our generous friends and businesses. **A GREAT BIG THANK YOU** to the committee, staff and for all those who sponsored and or attended to support the brunch, auction and raffle. These types of funds are sometimes the dearest to an agency such as ACCT. They are considered unrestricted funds and they are able to be used for costs not covered or allowed by federal grants. For instance, Ryan White Funds are only allowed to be used for HIV related costs. Programs for prevention, like our PrEP, PEP and HIV Rapid Testing must be funded with these undesignated funds.

HIV TESTING AT ACCT

ACCT offers free confidential HIV testing every day Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. – noon at 707 23rd Street in Galveston.

BINGO WITH MISTY

Misty held a Bingo at ACCT as part of her fundraiser tour. It was a fun afternoon and she raised \$350 for ACCT. It was so successful she will be having another one on Saturday, July 8th from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. at ACCT 707 23rd St. Participants will get 4 cards for \$15 with free hot dogs and Picadillo (hamburger with potatoes).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Lee’s Art Lesson this month will be on Thursday, June 8th at 11 a.m. Come join the fun!
- The Houston Volunteer Lawyers will be here on Thursday, June 15th at 9 a.m. Please call to make an appointment.
- The next C.A.B. is meeting Thursday, June 8th.
- ACCT will be closed Monday, May 29th for Memorial Day.

ACCT OUTREACH

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

- Thursday, June 8th at 23rd St. Station from 5 – 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 13th at LaFitte's from 8 p.m – 10p.m.
- Wednesday, June 14th at Rumors from 5 p.m – 7 p.m.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR AIDS WAIT-LIST

Beginning June 1, 2017, ACCT will begin accepting applications for the HOPWA/TBRA long term Housing program. Applications will be available in the Lobby of ACCT.

Please note that ACCT CURRENTLY DOES NOT HAVE FUNDING FOR ADDITIONS TO THE CURRENT TBRA PROGRAM AT THIS TIME, nor have we received any information that this is likely to change this reality during the current grant cycle. We are implementing this list to not only be prepared for any positive changes in funding from the City of Houston and/or Housing and Urban Development (HUD), but also to show the need for more funding being allocated into our area based on the needs of our population.

BERING DENTAL

Bering trips will again be on the 1st and 3rd Friday each 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 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 12:45. Open to everyone in the community affected or effected by HIV.

“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.

YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

- Our always loyal Newsletter team Dianna, George, Maurisa, Eve and stamper Joe!
- Galveston Island Humane Society for donating cat & dog food, cat litter & animal toys!
- Wynonna for the yummy Chocolate Cookies!
- Trinity Lades for our favorite Chipped Beef Sandwiches, Tator Tots, salad and perfect desserts!

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Long Time volunteer at ACCT and nurse working in the field of HIV care and research at UTMB, Cheryl Mogridge, RN was honored by receiving the 2017 Pam Froeschner Volunteer of the Year Award. Cheryl spends every Thursday at the center assisting the clients and help staff navigate through the world of being a healthy and happy HIV survivor as only someone like Cheryl who has been working in the field for over 20 years can!

To help celebrate, last year's recipient Misty Valdez made delicious beef Enchiladas with Beans and rice.

The volunteer of the Year Award is presented every year by the ACCT/UTMB Client Advisor Group and Staff.



Pictured (l-r) James Myers-Smith, President CAB, Cheryl Mogridge, recipient, Mark White, ACCT E.D.

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.

TESTING / OUT REACH IN JUNE

June is finally here and we are very excited to have lots of big testing/outreach events planned! We will start the month testing at 23rd Street Station on June 8th from 8pm-10pm.

On the 9th and 10th, ACCT is proud to be a sponsor of Galveston Pride Weekend. We will be testing on the beach at the event on Saturday, and we will have an information table set up at the Block party Friday night. Please come out and support our Community and spread the word about PrEP!

On the 13th we will be testing at Roberts Lafitte from 8pm-10pm, and on the 14th at Rumors from 5pm-7pm. Then just a little break in the action before its NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY.

ACCT has teamed up with the Galveston County Health District, and Rumors Beach Bar, for a day of testing in the parking lot of Rumors, from 10am-4pm. If you want to be involved with any of these events please get in touch with me.

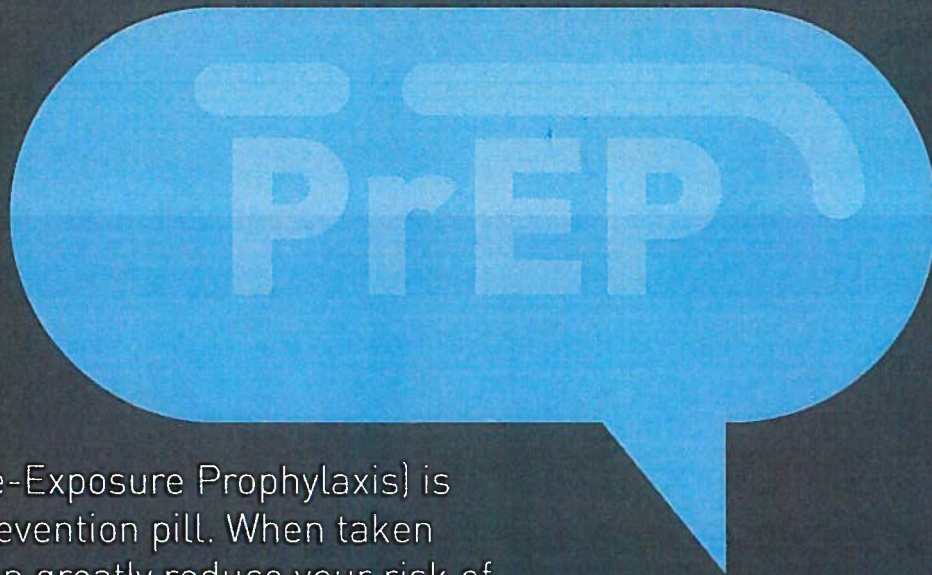
Mark H

Thank You!

Cheryl Mogridge
Alice Watford
U.U.s

For
Clothes, Accessories, Appliances.
Cat & Dog Food, Office Supplies &
Hygiene

ONE LITTLE PILL IS CHANGING THE HIV CONVERSATION



PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis) is an HIV prevention pill. When taken daily, it can greatly reduce your risk of getting HIV.

There are more HIV prevention options than ever before. Talk to ACCT about which options might be right for you.

- * **NO COST**
- * **ONLY ONE PILL PER DAY**
- * **DOCTORS VISITS AND LAB WORK included**
- * **EASY TO ACCESS**



Who is this program best?

**If you are sexually active with someone who is HIV Positive or you don't know their HIV Status this program may be right for you.*

**If you share needles with someone who is HIV Positive or you don't know their HIV Status this program may be right for you.*

**If you need to trade sex for food, money or drugs with someone who is HIV Positive or you don't know their HIV Status this program may be right for you.*

**If you are unsure of whether this program is right for you, this program may be right for you. Call us let's talk.*

707 23rd Street
Galveston, Texas 77550
Monday- Thursday 9a-5p
Fridays 9a-Noon
(409) 763-2437



JUNE 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 HIV support group	2 Avenue 360 Trip	3
4 AA Meets 7:00 PM	5 Pantry 11-3	6 Pantry 11-3	7 Pantry 11-3 AA Meets 8:00 PM	8 Tideway does lunch! ART CLASS!	9 Avenue 360 Trip	10 Pride Weekend!
11 Pride Weekend! AA Meets 7:00 PM	12 Pantry 11-3	13 Pantry 11-3	14 Pantry 11-3 AA Meets 8:00 PM	15 Jessen does Lunch HV Lawyers HIV support group	16 Avenue 360 Trip	17
18 Father's Day! AA Meets	19	20	21 AA Meets 8:00 PM	22 Lunch at Noon	23	24
25 AA Meets 7:00 PM 30	26	27	28 AA Meets 8:00 PM	29 San Luis! 4th of July Lunch	30	