



Care Communiqué

January 2020

So long 2019 ...

As we move into a new decade let us take a moment to look back at some of the accomplishments of this past year.

First the dry stuff, numbers ...

Medical Transportation: 247 clients received one or more types of transportation assistance. This added up to 1569 units of service that included gas cards, van rides, bus passes etc.

Health Insurance Assistance: 111 clients received one or more payments to private medical insurance companies to pay for coverage. The number of premium monthly payments for medical and dental insurance amounted to 784 units paid for through the State Services Grant.

58 clients received 152 units of medical copay, coinsurance or deductible assistance so that they were able to use the insurance.

3137 individual prescriptions were paid for through this grant for approximately 191 clients.

AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance: For those clients that did not qualify for assistance with insurance through employer, private, state or federal medical or pharmaceutical insurance another 133 clients received 1207 prescriptions paid for through Ryan White Grants.

Housing Opportunities for people with AIDS: 92 clients received in excess of \$327K in assistance through Tenant Based Rental Assistance, short-Term rent Utility Rent, Mortgage Assistance, and Permanent Housing Placement Programs.

Post exposure Prophylaxis, thirty-day supply, was provided to 73 individuals that might have been exposed to the HIV virus. This is offered at no cost to the individual.

Preexposure prophylaxis was provided on a monthly basis to 81 individuals to remain HIV negative at no cost. This is offered at no cost to the individual.

In summary we are very proud that many people received many types of assistance.

And we hope to increase these services whenever possible in the new year.

I realize that this was a bit dry but I promise in next months newsletter to continue with more of the fun stuff we do and not so many figures.

(please note that some clients may have been counted in more than one category due to changes in individual qualifications for the assistance programs during the reporting period)

Yours,

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan. 1st ACCT will be closed
- Jan. 9th
11 a.m.
Lee's Art Lesson
- Houston Volunteer Lawyers
- Jan. 16th
Please call to make an appointment.

A BIG THANKS

- Mercedes Cortez
- Galveston Island Humane Society
- Cheryl Mogridge
- St. Luke M. Baptist Church Pastor's Aid Ministry
- U.U.s

For your donations of: Clothes, Accessories, Appliances. Cat & Dog Food, Office Supplies, Personal Hygiene & \$\$\$

MANY MORE THANKS TO

- The Newsletter team George, Eve, Ray, Nathan, Maurisa & Stamper Joe!
- Richard & Woody perfecto shepard's pie, salad & garlic bread!
- Cheryl Mogridge for the fried Chicken Dinner!
- San Luis for the delicious ham, grilled veggies, awesome salad and of course the fantastic Bread Pudding!

TRANS SUPPORT GROUP

The Transgender community on Galveston Island is as diverse as they come, but there are interesting cross identities that are shared. Experiences vary, and we'd love to get together to share with one another. The group meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Stop by ACCT at 6:30 if you are a part of this community and are looking to give/receive some support. We look forward to seeing you there.

OUTREACH TESTING

ACCT Outreach will be performing free HIV testing in November as follows:

- Tuesday, Jan. 14th at Lafitte's From 8 p.m.—10 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 9th at Rumor's Beach Bar From 8 p.m.—10 p.m.

HIV Support

The HIV Support Group for individuals meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 12:30. Open to everyone in the community affected or effected by HIV.

HIV TESTING AT ACCT

ACCT offers free confidential HIV testing Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. – noon at 707 23rd St. In Galveston.

WALK-INS WELCOME!

“FRIENDS FEEDING FRIENDS” PROGRAM

Thank you Danny Pickett for another lunch!

Robert Steele donated 3 lunches for the new year!

HELP!!!!

Happy New Year! With the new year, there are over 50 CHANCES to donate, cook or provide a lunch for our clients! Open dates for January are the 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th.

We serve clients and a guest lunch every Thursday at noon. It is \$100 to sponsor a lunch and we feed 50-60 each week. If you would like to donate a lunch, cook or help out, please call ACCT at 409-763-2437.

World AIDS Day takes place on the 1st day of December each year since it's foundation in 1988. It's an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, to show support for people living with HIV, and to commemorate those who have died from an AIDS-related illness. Through prevention, treatment, care and education, ACCT strives to achieve the goal of zero new infections, zero deaths, and zero discrimination.

- INTRODUCTION/
PROCLAMATION **Mark White, LVN, ACCT Executive Director**
- INVOCATION **Ed Wolf- Pastor First Presbyterian Church**
- KEY SPEAKER **Robert A. Rodriguez, MPH**
- INVITATION TO WALL **Sally Laird, Assistant to the ED, ACCT**
- BENEDICTION **Ed Wolf- Pastor First Presbyterian Church**
- CALLING OF NAMES **James Myers-Smith, CAB President**



Education

The fourth annual Biomedical HIV Prevention Summit was held December 3-4, 2019 in Houston, Texas.

Representing ACCT was (L-R) Stephen Starkey, Christin Roe, and Mark Hinson

ACCT believes we must highlight the role that biomedical prevention tools such as PrEP, PEP, Treatment as Prevention (TasP), and U=U have in ending the epidemic.



2019 Christmas Party



Christmas Food

Bag Gift for Clients



