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TRANSGENDER SUPPORT GROUP

If you are a member of the trans-community and are interested in being apart of our meetings, please send an email to transgalveston@gmail.com. We will send you reminders of our meeting on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month via GoToMeeting.

LAMBDA MEET- INGS

LAMBDA is going digital two times a week! Sunday and Wednesday Starting at 7pm.

Its easy:

- Go to zoom.us
- Click Join a meeting
- enter the code 578-293-545
- The browser will redirect you to a window

Care Communiqué

May 2020

GALVESTON DIAPER BANK



The Galveston Diaper Bank provides diapers and wipes to local organizations involved with creating a healthier environment for our low-income families. The mission of Galveston Diaper Bank is to provide diapers and wipes to Galveston families in crisis and need, partnering with local organizations involved in creating a healthier environment for our low-income families and seniors.

If you need diapers or incontinence products and/or wipes, please call us. We will need to know the size/type that you require. We will acquire them through the diaper bank and will make them available for pick up at ACCT.

WHERE TO TEST FOR COVID-19

Galveston County Health District is offering free COVID-19 testing to anyone, regardless of symptoms, in Texas City and Galveston. In order to better handle the high-volume calls coming through, our appointment call center hours are now:

Texas City testing: 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Please call 409.978.4040.

Testing will be done at the Galveston County Health District, 9850 Emmett F. Lowry Expressway.

Galveston testing: 1:30-5 p.m. Please call 409.978.4080.

Testing will be done at Fire Station No. 5, 5728 Ball St.

Those being tested should bring a form of identification including driver's license, a bill with their name, etc. Only those who have an appointment will be tested. The entire testing process – from entry to exit – is estimated to take 30 minutes. A Galveston County Health District representative will contact those being tested with results within 48-72 hours. For more information on COVID-19, please visit gchd.org/coronavirus and follow us @GCHDinfo on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

May Pantry

Thank you to everyone for following the plan! You are Awesome!

Let's do it again!

PANTRY DISTRIBUTION MAY- Currently, we are planning to distribute pantry on the normally scheduled days of May 4,5, & 6th and May 11,12, & 13th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. In compliance with the new directives shared by the Houston Food Bank and the Galveston Food Bank we will be using a "DRIVE THROUGH DELIVERY SYSTEM" to maintain social distancing.

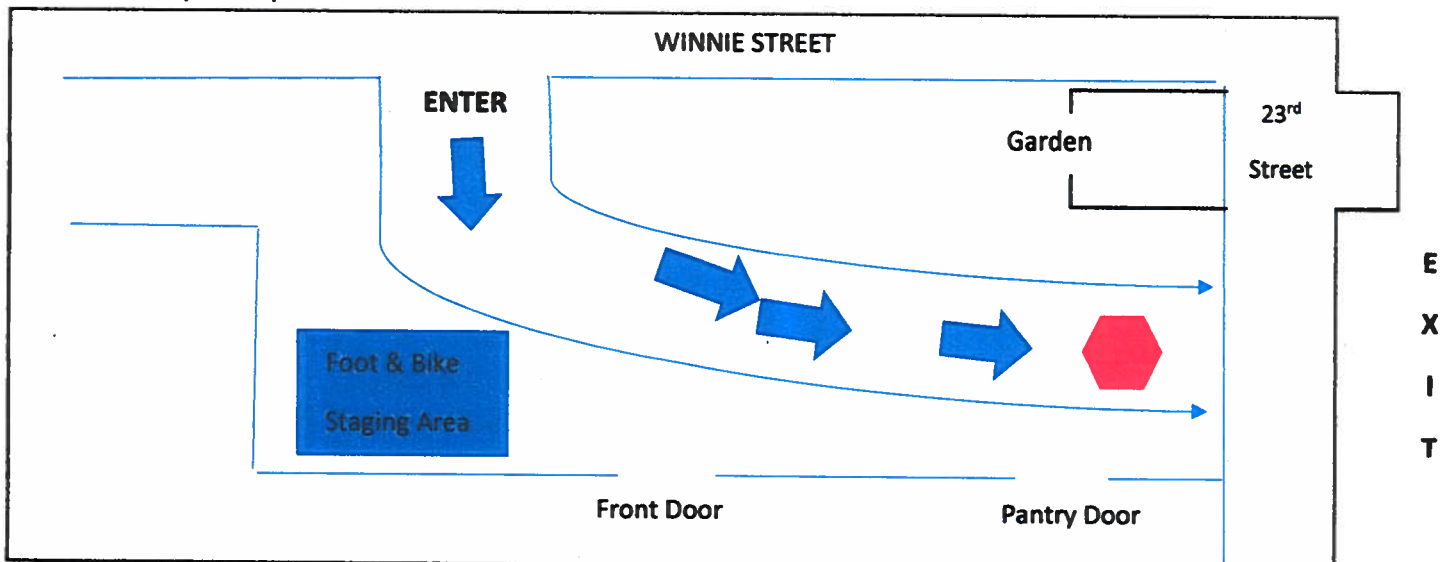
If arriving by car

- Enter the parking lot from Winnie Street leaving room between vehicles for volunteers to maneuver
- Open your trunk
- Return to your vehicle and wait for assistance from ACCT staff
- Staff will load your pantry into the trunk of the car
- If for any reason we are unable to load in the rear of your vehicle, a staff member will bring out your pantry and step back 6 feet, allowing you to exit your vehicle and load it yourself.
- Leave the cart on the side of the lane and return to your vehicle. Staff will retrieve the cart to be cleaned for the next person.
- After loading has been completed, please exit onto 23rd Street

Client's arriving by foot or bike

- Enter the parking lot and position yourself in the area designated for foot and bikes
- Please remain 6 feet away from anyone that might also be in this area
- Do NOT stand within 12 feet of the pantry delivery door
- Pantry will be brought to designated area and left for you to retrieve. Place cart outside of the line once you have gathered your items for staff to pick up to be cleaned for next client.
- Exit parking lot from the 23rd Street watching for vehicles.

Walkers and bikers be aware that this is distribution will be as large as possible. You may not be able to carry all the food or able to transport by bike. You may want to arrange other transportation! Unfortunately, food delivery is not possible.





Organization provides care to those living with HIV



Access Care of Coastal Texas, Inc. (ACCT) provides compassionate community-based access to care for persons with HIV and health issues through direct and collaborative means, offering awareness, education, prevention and support to the people of coastal Texas. The nonprofit organization serves Galveston, Brazoria, Matagorda counties.

HIV is not the disease that it was when the epidemic began. Now, more than ever, the needs of people living with HIV vary with every person. ACCT can help in many ways, such as co-pay assistance for doctor's appointments, insurance premium assistance through the Affordable Care Act, food pantry and gas vouchers to help with transportation barriers.

The organization works alongside multiple agencies to get clients assistance with other services that are required to live the healthiest life possible. Services like mental health, dental care, legal aid and

medical appointments are part of the company's referral system.

And finally, prevention is a huge part of combating this virus and getting the number of new infections to zero. In addition to free walk-in HIV testing, the organization provides PrEP, or Pre-exposure prophylaxis, which is a once daily pill taken to help prevent the virus from replicating in the body. ACCT provides help to all person's interested in PrEP at little-to-no cost to the individual.

If you or a loved one is living with HIV, or are looking to be PrEPared against HIV, please reach out to ACCT.

Call 409-763-2437 for more information on how to qualify.



Access Care of Coastal Texas, Inc. is located at 707 23rd St., Galveston, TX 77550. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Friday.



Heather Dawn Cardwell of Galveston, TX passed away Friday, April 17, 2020 at her residence.

She was a member of Church of the Living God since childhood. She graduated from Ball High School in 1992. Although she was born in Tennessee she lived in Galveston since she was four years old. She loved the Island and all it has to offer.

She was preceded in death by maternal grandparents Mildred Rogers Tatum and James S Tatum Sr and paternal grandparents Mabel Cardwell and Ora T Cardwell Sr.

She is survived by her loving companion of nine years Billy Satchelben, her three daughters Savana Elaine Strain, Kaitlynn Elizabeth Cardwell, Macie Renee' Cardwell and granddaughter Heaven Elaine Cardwell, her mother Rita Cassandra Tatum and her father Ora T Cardwell Jr, her sister Ida Renee' Cardwell, many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

A Remembrance of Life Service will be held at a later date when the COVID19 crisis ends.



MAY 2020



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