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PANTRY DAYS



December pantry days will be:

December 7th, 8th and 9th - 11 am to 3 pm

December 14th, 15th and 16th - 11 am to 3 pm

In addition to the usual pantry provided to all clients, we will be providing personal hygiene bags filled with items to keep yourself squeaky clean! We will also be giving all active ACCT clients a \$20.00 gift certificate to Walmart to purchase perishable food items to assist in maintaining their health. Clients with additional dependents will receive an additional \$20 gift card for a max of \$40 per client. For the holiday, we will be giving our clients a holiday dinner bag to include a ham and other holiday staples.

HEALTHCARE ENROLMENT FOR THE ACA AND MEDICARE IS NOW !

Open enrollment for the ACA (Affordable Care Act/Obamacare) ends December 15th.

The Medicare Annual Enrollment Period ends on December 7th.

This is the time of year that every person who has Medicare/ Medicare Advantage or is on the ACA program should review their options. Clients should make sure they are getting the most benefits and have the best plan for their needs. This is particularly important for clients who only have Original Medicare and a Part D plan. ACCT has worked with Pride LLC for years to assist our clients with their ACA and Medicare Insurance needs. Please call Pride Life at (713) 804-1939 to review your options !

In the VERY near future. ACCT is expanding assistance to cover dental premium and copay assistance for those that have Medicare and ACA Insurance Plans
Please call ACCT and add you name to the list of those that would like to participate.

Trans Support

Galveston-

The Transgender Support Group of Galveston is doing virtual meetings to help the trans community stay connected and support each other in all of life's battles.

These meetings are held via Zoom the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month.

If you are interested, please reach out to our Facebook page for the link @ www.facebook.com/transsupportgalveston.

Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS Wait-List

Beginning January 1, 2021 ACCT will begin accepting applications for HOPWA/TBRA long term Housing program. Applications will be available in the Lobby of ACCT or you may call ACCT and one will be mailed to you. The current wait-list was cleared.

WORLD AIDS DAY 2020

Transportation

ACCT offers core medical transportation through Connect Transit. We also can provide gas card to our clients with an appointment slip proving your upcoming appoint. Gas cards can be used for doctors appointments as well as trips to Avenue 360.

If you have a doctors or dental appointment that you do not have dependable transportation to get to, please call Darron with ACCT to find out how you can set up free transportation or obtain gas vouchers.

It is with deep dismay that we announce we will not be having a World AIDS Day celebration of life for the first time since 2008. With the COVID-19 cases on the rise we feel it would be best to celebrate all of the love ones lost on our own terms this year.

ACCT's own Mark Hinson has written an article that will be published in the Galveston Daily News on World AIDS Day, December 1, 2020. Here is a bit of what he wrote:





"We are currently in the middle of the COVID 19 pandemic, yet we should still take the time to observe the HIV pandemic, that the world has been fighting for close to 40 years. The HIV/AIDS journey started in 1981, but December 1st, 1988 amongst our friends- some dying, some fighting - World AIDS Day (WAD) was birthed. It was started by James W. Bunn and Thomas Netter, two public information officers for the Global Programme on AIDS at the World Health Organization in Geneva Switzerland. On December 1st Worldwide, we unite in the fight to support people and communities impacted by HIV. Thirty-two years after WAD's inception, we utilize HIV medications to not only treat but also to prevent HIV; this is known as biomedical prevention, some of our current tools are: Treatment as Prevention (TasP), pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), and non-occupational post exposure prophylaxis (nPEP)."

"ACCT is proud and honored to commemorate World AIDS Day annually. Outside of natural disasters, hurricanes (like 2008) and (COVID-19 2020), we have celebrated in-person, at ACCT. No matter the method, TODAY we stand with you remembering the lives we have lost and celebrating the lives we can save today. Please be safe and protect yourself and your loved ones."



December 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1 World Aids Day</i> 	2	3	4	5
6 <i>Digital LAMDA</i> 7 pm	7 PANTRY 11-3 <i>Digital LAMDA</i> 7 pm	8 PANTRY 11-3	9 PANTRY 11-3 <i>Digital LAMDA</i> 7 pm	10 Hanukkah Begins 	11	12
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20 <i>Digital LAMDA</i> 7 pm	21 <i>Digital LAMDA</i> 7 pm	22	23 <i>Digital LAMDA</i> 7 pm	24 ACCT Closed At Noon	25 ACCT Closed 	26 
27 <i>Digital LAMDA</i> 7 pm	28 <i>Digital LAMDA</i> 7 pm 31	29 	30 <i>Digital LAMDA</i> 7 pm	31 