



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

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 Street in
Galveston. **WALK-INS WELCOME!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Misty's 2017 Tour Finale will be on Friday, December 1st at Lafitte's at 10p.m.
- Lee's Art Lesson this month will be on Thursday, December 14th at 11 a.m. We will be working with Christmas cards to make small gift boxes. Join the fun!
- The Houston Volunteer Lawyers will be here on Thursday, December 21st at 9 a.m. Please call to make an appointment.
- Our Holiday lunch will be on Thursday, December 14th and the San Luis will be providing a fun festive lunch. Clients need to plan early for transportation.
- ACCT will be closed Friday, December 22nd, Monday and Tuesday, December 25th and 26th.

WORLD AIDS DAY EVENTS

A panel of the AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display beginning Monday, November, 27th through Friday, December 1st. daily from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. On Friday, there will be a program at 5:30 which includes a city proclamation declaring December 1st as "World AIDS Day" in Galveston. Dr. Janek Patel will be the key note speaker and

we will conclude the day in the Memorial Garden with a candle light vigil.

MEN'S STRENGTH CONFERENCE 2017

A gathering of more than one hundred and fifty HIV Positive men met in Dallas, Texas, November 2017 seeking to enhance the lives of themselves each other. ACCT assisted eleven men with the opportunity to attend to gain insights on positive and healthy living with the HIV disease. Attendees were provided with lectures on the latest pharmaceutical advancements in the fight against HIV. Personal goal setting as it relates to long term life spans, and opportunities to facilitate future groups for a 2018 conference.

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 will meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Stop by ACCT, 707 23rd St. at 6:30 if you are a part of a this community and are looking to give/receive some support. We look forward to seeing you there.

POSITIVE WOMEN'S GROUP

The ladies of ACCT have formed a new support group for women. A positive and uplifting safe place to inspire, encourage and educate. Please come join us every 4th Thursday at 12:30, right after lunch.

OUTREACH TESTING

Outreach Coordinator, Mark H. performs free HIV testing in December as follows:

- Tuesday, December 12th at LaFitte's from 8 p.m. – 10 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 13th at 23rd St. Station from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
- Thursday, December 14th at Rumors Beach Bar from 8 p.m. – 10 p.m.

AVENUE 360

360 dental trips will again be on the 1st and 3rd Friday each month. 360 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 a basic building block to good health!

SUPPORT GROUP

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.

(right) Christie, Mark, Bobby, Brack and Pam preparing Thanksgiving Lunch

Thank You!

David Bowers & John Nagy
Galveston Island Humane Society
Melanie Kropik
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 &
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THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

- The Newsletter team Eve, Maurisa, George, Nathan and stamper Joe!
- Tideway for the great Chili and cornbread!
- Thanksgiving workers: Decorators Maurisa, Eduardo, Bryce – Helpers and servers: Christy, Kent, Robert, Jesse, Maurisa, Cornee, Brack, Bobby and staff: Mark H., Sally, Bryce, Eduardo!
- Miller's Seawall Grill for fabulous dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans and out of this world rolls!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!



2016 "Names" quilt panel

World AIDS Day is Friday, December 1, 2017.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!!



Closing out the World Day's celebration will be Misty Valdez's "FINALE"

(below left) UTMB Student Nurses final clinical presentation. (middle) ACCT admin. Presenting at the Eastern HASDA Symposium (right) the ACCT gang sporting the new Undetectable = Untransmittable t-shirts

