

ACCT



Our Mission: To provide compassionate community based education and services that empower people of all ages to live courageously with HIV/AIDS.

ACCT NEWSLETTER

We're back in ACCTion!!!!

The AIDS Coalition of Coastal Texas (ACCT) is once again bringing back the monthly newsletter. The organization's focus is on providing a caring and compassionate environment for those suffering from HIV/AIDS and their families and friends. The newsletter will focus on current and future events for the organization, as well as those related to our communities.

We have a wonderful new staff at ACCT and would like to introduce them to you.

- Mark White, *Executive Director* mwhite.acct@gmail.com
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you're looking for a way to get involved, have you considered volunteering or sponsoring a Thursday luncheon? Volunteers can assist in the food pantry, general work around the building and assist in serving lunch on Thursday. Another possibility is to sponsor a weekly lunch. There are several ways to participate. A donation of \$75 can be made and volunteers will prepare the food or you can prepare the food and bring it ready to serve at ACCT. If you are preparing it, please let us know if you will need help in serving the lunch. ACCT could also use donations of paper goods, i.e. paper plates, napkins, plastic utensils and disposable cups for the lunches

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Welcome! That word sums up what I have felt since becoming the Executive Director of ACCT, Inc. It has been such a pleasure meeting the clients that have been in to update their files, partake in Thursday client lunch, pick up their food pantry, volunteer or just come by to see what's happening since the new staff has begun work. **Welcome!** Is also what I want for all the clients and volunteers to also feel from us, your new staff. We are here for you...to listen, to laugh, to cry, to teach, to learn, to commiserate, and to celebrate...and with this task ahead of us we need you for the same things.

In future letters, I will be sharing in more detail the goals and plans, we the staff, are hoping to begin and or reintroduce at ACCT. One of the main goals we must implement, and soon, is a Consumer's Committee. ACCT must meet the needs of the clients and the most efficient way for that to happen is for the clients to be the driving force of such discussions. Hopefully, such a committee will be composed of and directed by the clients of ACCT. If you, or a client you know here at ACCT, would be a good voice for the community, please contact Marianna Marchesini or myself to help get this essential project up and running.

WISH LIST

We are often asked what we need at ACCT for our clients or their well being. Here are a few of our wishes.

- Paper goods ie. Toilet paper, Kleenex, etc.
- Cat & dog food
- Small plastic containers for individual meals

SPECIAL THANKS

- Trinity Church ladies for a super lunch
- Bill Milligan and friends for the super Coney Islands
- San Luis for a Great 4th of July Lunch

CALENDAR

Notice the calendar. Use this handy page as a helpful reminder of appointments and tasks you need to carry out. Just pencil them in and place in an easy access place like the front of the refrigerator, your desk or bedside table.

ATTENTION CLIENTS

- The Houston Volunteer Lawyer's Program is a group who volunteer their time to help clients with their civil legal actions. If you are interested, contact Christine and if you are meeting with an Attorney, plan to stay for lunch. We thank this group for their knowledge, dedication and commitment.
- Kara & Tara's birthday performance and donations in memory of a passing friend, made it possible to give our clients a "Summer Survival Kit". The "kit" is a box fan and personal hygiene products. Please check with your Case Manager to sign up.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 EDUCATION SESSION LUNCH-Noon	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 EDUCATION SESSION LUNCH-Noon	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 ATTORNEYS EDUCATION SESSION LUNCH-Noon	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 EDUCATION SESSION LUNCH-Noon	26	27
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