



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

## ACCT NEWSLETTER

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- C.A.B. (Consumer Advisory Board) will meet on Thursday, January 17th following lunch.
- The Houston Volunteer Lawyers will return after the first of the year. Plan on seeing them on the third Thursday each month.
- “Lee’s Art Lessons” This month Lee R. will teach us how to make fabulous masks for Mardi Gras. Join us at the Center on Tuesday, January 8th, from 11 a.m.—2 p.m. We will be having pizza and salad and transportation is available. Call Jake at 763-2437.
- ACCT will be closed on Monday, January 21 for Martin Luther King Day.

### NOTES.....

As we wind down from the hustle and bustle of the end of the year holidays and begin planning for the New Year I would like to recap some of the events that have marked our past year here at ACCT. We have had the great honor of once again being included in the Moody Methodist Angel tree program. Without which over 50 children that are living with HIV, or are living with parents with the disease, could have had a less joyous Christmas. The children that were signed up for the program received several wonderful gifts that included clothes and toys. We must remember all the wonderful parishioners that spent of their time and money to help our children have a better holiday.

Also, I like to think that the Thanksgiving meal provided by our friends at Gilead Pharmaceuticals was a really great time. The food and fellowship shared by over 80 of our family here at ACCT was a memory that I hope we will all hold dear. And, the Christmas meal provided by the volunteers and board members, along with the gifts collected and the wonderful stockings provided by Don and David of Millers Seafood Grill. Our wonderful volunteers that donate of their time and resources are the reason that we are able to have so many great events and services here at The Center. Please remember to say thank you when you see these tireless folk giving of themselves for us during the holidays and throughout the year.

Lastly, I personally want to thank the clients, volunteers, board and staff of ACCT for allowing me to be a part of your lives. I hope you all realize how much I feel blessed to be a part of all this.

## SO MANY THANK YOU'S — SO LITTLE SPACE

- The wonderfully talented Bill M. and his helpers who every year decorates ACCT to the nines
- Lee helped us all make wonderful and creative Christmas Ornaments. Such talent and patience
- All who helped with WORLD AIDS DAY—Jim R. for the veerry inspiring talk about living and growing with HIV/AIDS, Mayor Lewis Rosen for reading the Proclamation on the steps of City Hall, Roslind, Mark and their group who put it all together, Jake and his hard workers handing out food at the Health Fair
- Brack's team at Tideway who made the delicious Southwest grilled chili stew for Thursday's lunch
- GALVESTON.COM'S Lee and Jim and their staff Rick, Beverly and Sharon who helped put together the gift bags and helped serve at the Christmas Lunch. They were also seen washing dishes and wiping down tables.
- Tom & Jack for donating \$\$\$ for our always fun lunches
- To the kitchen "help" for lunches Dixie, Candy, Robert and Nathan
- To Don & David's expertise and generosity for the Christmas lunch—they donated the green beans we all love, the mashed potatoes we can't get enough of with gravy and the "to die for" rolls. They also coordinated the kitchen, the servers and served! Whew
- To James and Joey working magic with the big selection of pies
- To Bill M. and James Lee for doing it ALL
- To dishwasher John and his merry staff Jody and Shiela who handed out t-shirts
- To our pantry workers—Kevin, Reggie, LaMorn, Mamie and Odis with Jake cracking the whip
- To the Post Office Street Association for the \$3,500 donation from ARToberFest

## HELP!!!

- We need sponsors for our Thursday Lunches. If you would like to get involved, you can cook and serve lunch for about 30 people. Another option is to donate \$100 for our volunteers to cook and serve.
- We attempt to get the Newsletter out by the 30th of each month. If you have news to be added, the deadline is the 25th. If you would like to help with the mail out, please call to find out what day we are putting it all together. **If you would prefer to receive the Newsletter via e-mail, please call or send us your address.**

## WISH LIST

- To show how well our wish list works, we are excited to say some of our good friends have found a bike rack for us.
- We have an art class once a month for our clients. Donation of or for art supplies would be GREAT!

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