



Access Care of Coastal Texas, Inc.

Education, testing, care and support services for HIV-affected residents in Galveston, Brazoria & Matagorda Counties

July 2015

UPCOMING EVENTS

- C.A.B. (Client Advocacy Board) will meet on Thursday, July 9th at 12:30.
- Lee’s Art Lesson this month will be on Thursday, July 16th at 11 a.m. Lee will be showing us the many creative things we can create using zippers! So come join the fun.
- The Houston Volunteer Lawyers will be here on July 9th at 9 a.m. Be sure to call Sally to make an appointment or to find out what services they offer.
- Support Groups are listed on the calendar.

FREE HIV TESTING

ACCT does free, anonymous testing every day during regular business hours. Knowledge is power! Get tested today.

FREE HIV & STD TESTING

Planned Parenthood will be testing on Thursday, July 9th and 23rd from 10:30 – 2 p.m. HIV results take 15 minutes. Other tests include Syphilis, Gonorrhea, Chlamydia and Hepatitis C.

BERING DENTAL

There will be van transportation to Bering Dental on Friday, July 10th and July 24th. The next appointment is usually 2 week later but check with either Darron or Sally to be sure. You need to call the clinic at 713-524-7933 to make

an appointment. Tell them you will be receiving transportation from ACCT. Bering requires you to make your own appointment. Van space is limited, but less than before with our new van!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Once again, the Ladies of Lafitte’s and Robert’s Lafitte are raising money, through generous donations and hard work, to provide back to school supplies for the dependent children of ACCT’s clients. Clients may sign up for dependent children grades

K—12 Monday, July 6 through Friday, July 10th at noon. Call Sally at 409-763-2437 with gender, school and grade.

CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH SUCCESS

Everyone agrees it was the best brunch ever! A BIG thank you to all of our loyal sponsors. We had more major sponsors than ever, both new and returning. Also, another BIG thank you to our very talented artists and donors who made the auction a huge success. It might seem early, but we have already set the date for 2016. Next year’s annual Champagne Brunch will be Sunday, May 22, 2016 again at the lovely Galveston Island Convention Center. Mark your calendars NOW!

SUPPORT GROUPS

ACCT now has two HIV Support Groups. The HIV Support Group is for individuals and meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 12:45.

Couples Support Group is when one or more of the partners is HIV positive. This meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:15 at ACCT. All groups are open to the community.

KROGER SUPPORTS ACCT

For those of you, who shop at Kroger or the Kroger Family of Stores, please consider linking your Kroger Community Rewards Card to ACCT. These donations add up quickly, and greatly assist our organization with our day-to-day operations, pantry supplies and our "Friends Feeding Friends" lunches. If you haven't already linked your Kroger Rewards account to ACCT, please do so today. Access your account by going to Kroger.com and linking to ACCT.

"FRIENDS FEEDING FRIENDS"

We cried "HELP" and you did! The San Luis signed up for a fifth lunch this year! V.J. donated \$\$\$ for 2 lunches! Woody & Richard have signed up to cook a lunch as did David Bowers and John Nagy, and James & Joey. Also, our new board member Steven Creitz donated for a lunch as did past board members Michele Carter and G.W. Cornelius! THANKS FOR THE PROMPT RESPONSE!

When our new friend, Susan McCormick, donated a lunch for June we picked up chicken fingers and filled in with sides of green beans and fruit salad. We serve clients and a guest lunch every Thursday at noon. It is \$100 to sponsor a lunch, and we feed approximately 50 people each week. If you would like to donate a meat, we can fill in with salads and sides or you can donate a lunch, cook or help out. Please call ACCT at 409-763-2437 to volunteer.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

- To our super newsletter team a.k.a staff who all pitched in and new volunteer Karen!
- Woody and Richard for out of this world Shepard's Pie, yummy salad and rolls!
- Brack and the Tideway group for killer meat loaf, tasty mashed 'tators and gravy, green beans and great apple crisp!
- All the nurses who have done so much for the agency!
- Charlene for bringing delicious cakes from ShyKatz for our birthday celebrations!

WISH LIST

- James has been faithfully sorting and cleaning our new clothes room. We are still accepting "gently" used clothing.
- Pet food is always welcome for our client's cats and dogs.
- Cleaning supplies for our clients especially antibacterial soaps and bleach.
- We have a small "lending" library so any books or magazines you would care to donate would be greatly appreciated.