



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

A REQUIREMENT OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT IS THAT YOU MUST FILE IRS TAX RETURNS FOR THE YEAR THAT YOU RECEIVED BENEFITS! THIS MUST BE DONE NO LATER THAN APRIL 15, 2017. A COPY OF THOSE TAXES MUST BE TURNED INTO ACCT NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2017. *FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS REQUIREMENT WILL RESULT IN LOSS OF BENEFITS THROUGH RYAN WHITE, TEXAS STATE SERVICES (DSHS) AND THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (OBAMA CARE)* A LIST OF FREE TAX SERVICE ASSISTANCE AGENCIES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY OF ACCT. This is a requirement of the grant agencies listed above not ACCT.

Those that do not comply will be removed from the program!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Lee’s Art Lesson this month will be on Thursday, May 11th at 11 a.m. Come join the fun!
- The Houston Volunteer Lawyers will be here on Thursday, May 18th at 9 a.m. Please call to make an appointment.
- The Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will be Thursday, April 27th at noon. All volunteers, past and present are invited!

ANNUAL CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

This year’s Annual Brunch is “SOUTH OF THE BORDER” OLE! It will be on Sunday, May 21st at the Galveston Island Convention Center from noon – 3 p.m. Sponsorships start at \$150 up to \$5,000. The day includes a huge, delicious buffet. There will also be an, exciting silent auction, raffle and a free fun photo op. Open seating for the event is \$60 prior to the event and \$75 at the door. This year’s seating is limited to 350. Don’t

miss out! For more information please call 409-763-2437.

HIV TESTING AT ACCT

ACCT offers free confidential HIV testing every day Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. – noon at 707 23rd Street in Galveston.

ACCT OUTREACH

Mark H. is the Outreach Coordinator and does free HIV testing around the counties. Outreach in April will be as follows:

- Wednesday, May 3rd at Rumors from 5 p.m – 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 9th at LaFitte’s from 8 p.m – 10p.m.
- Thursday, May 11th 23rd St. Station from 5 – 7 p.m.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR AIDS WAIT-LIST

Beginning June 1, 2017, ACCT will begin accepting applications for the HOPWA/TBRA long term Housing program. Applications will be available in the Lobby of ACCT.

Please note that ACCT CURRENTLY DOES NOT HAVE FUNDING FOR ADDITIONS TO THE CURRENT TBRA PROGRAM AT THIS TIME, nor have we received any information that this is likely to change this reality during the current grant cycle. We are implementing this list to not only be prepared for any positive changes in funding from the City of Houston and/or Housing and Urban Development (HUD), but also to show the need for more funding being allocated into our area based on the needs of our population.

CLIENTS

All clients will be getting a call or a letter from ACCT to update your file. To stay active and receive services you MUST update when notified. Please help us help you by following through with the instructions in the request.

If you are homebound and living in Galveston County the Rosenberg Library delivers books, large print books and audio books to Galveston County residents for FREE! For more information call 409-763-8854 ext. 136 or email extention@rosenberg-library.org.

BERING DENTAL

Bering 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 the basis of good health!

CASINO NIGHT

The Texas United Charities put on a Casino Night at 23rd St. Station as a fundraiser for ACCT. Over \$1,500 was raised and all had a great time. We appreciate all the work that went into the evening and hear they want to do another perhaps in August. Stay tuned.

RUMORS TURNABOUT

Rumors put on one of the best Turnabouts EVER! The show was hosted by the talented and gorgeous Dessie Love Blake with special guest Hun-ee Bee and 8 customer turnabout performers. They raised \$2,500 in one night! What a great group of performers that are so very generous with their time.

A&M GALVESTON KNOW THEIR STATUS

ACCT and the Galveston Co. Health District teamed up to test 165 students in one day at the Island Campus. A great big thank you to the Sea Aggies and the Health District for making this such a successful event.

SUPPORT GROUP

The HIV Support Group for individuals meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 12:45. Open to everyone in the community affected or effected by HIV.

“FRIENDS FEEDING FRIENDS”

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 lunch, cook or help out, please call ACCT at 409-763-2437 to volunteer.

YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

- Our loyal Newsletter team Dianna, Carol, George, Maurisa, Eve and stamper Joe!
- Andrea's Confeti Easter Cake was delish!
- Galveston Island Humane Society for donating cat & dog food, cat litter & animal toys!
- Edmond for putting ALL the knobs on our lunchroom cabinets and did it all in an hour. Shows how knowing what you're doing pays off!
- Sheila, Ann & Judge for serving our hot dog lunch!
- Ann & Maurisa for all their help and expertise in the kitchen!
- Welcome to new volunteers from the Church for the Unchurched Michelle, Jasmine, Sparkle, & Deauanna. They served great home cooked spaghetti, salad and garlic bread!

WISH LIST

- We are still accepting "gently" used clothing, shoes and clothes hangers.
- Pet food is always welcome for our client's cats and dogs.
- Cleaning supplies for our clients especially antibacterial soaps and bleach.
- Books for our lending library.

Thank You!

G.W. Cornelius & Bill Love
Ellen Klimenko
Cheryl Mogridge
Jason West

For
Clothes, Accessories, Appliances.
Cat & Dog Food, Office Supplies &
Hygiene