



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

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. **WALK-INS WELCOME!**

BINGO WITH MISTY

The August Bingo Party raised over \$450 and there were lots of good prizes and big winners. Misty will be having another Bingo fundraiser for ACCT on Saturday, September 9th from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. at ACCT 707 23rd St. Participants will get 4 cards for \$15 with free enchilada lunch. See you there!

The Misty “Tour” has raised over \$3,000 so far from yard sales, bingo and shows. Upcoming events are bingo on September 9th, October 7th and the Grand Finale November, date to be announced at a later date. BIG thank you to Misty and all of her supporters.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ACCT will be closed on Monday, September 4th for Labor Day.
- C.A.B. meeting will be on Thursday, September 14th at 12:30.
- Lee’s Art Lesson this month will be on Thursday, September 14th at 11 a.m. We will be painting with **COFFEE!** Come join the fun!
- The Houston Volunteer Lawyers will be here on Thursday, September 21st at 9 a.m. Please call to make an appointment.

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. Join the fun!

OUTREACH REPORT

With the school year starting, ACCT outreach has already been invited to Texas A&M at Galveston to provide HIV education and testing for their students on Sept 20th. There are other events that have already been planned throughout the school year. A&M faculty and students have already shown a great interest in helping ACCT with World AIDS Day (Dec 1st). We are looking forward to working with this younger generation.

Outreach has started providing education and testing to the local treatment facilities. We will be going to Kemah Palms, ADA House, Pathway to Recovery, (men’s and women’s centers) once a month to provide education, testing, and risk reduction supplies.

The second week of the month, Outreach is continuing the efforts to provide testing in the local bars.

OUTREACH TESTING

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

- Monday, September 11th at LaFitte's from 8 p.m. – 10 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 12th at 23rd St. Station from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 13th at Rumors Beach Bar from 8 p.m. – 10 p.m.

LUNCH TRANSPORT

To reduce the wait time, the van will be leaving ACCT promptly at 1:35 pm to return our lunch guests home. If you have a meeting with a staff member or a support group meeting please schedule accordingly.

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.

"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.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

- Our BIG faithful Newsletter team Carol Dianna, Eve, George, Maurisa, Sandra (welcome back), Savannah & Val!
- Tideway for the HEARTY soup and great garlic bread!
- Red Shoe friends Michelle Mueller & Deanna Mitchell for the wonderful Chef Salad and hot bread!
- Misty for her fabulous Enchilada Pie, rice and great beans!

Thank You!

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