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Legacy's Latino HIV Prevention Program Turns 5 with Community Celebration

AmistadesHTX anniversary event showcases culture, connection, and accessible HIV prevention services

HOUSTON, TX (September 15, 2025) – Legacy Community Health will mark the five-year anniversary of AmistadesHTX with a community open house celebrating culture, resilience, and health. Taking place during Hispanic Heritage Month, the event will highlight AmistadesHTX's role in breaking barriers to HIV care and reducing stigma for Houston's Latino/a/x community.

Houston faces one of the steepest rises in HIV and STI rates in Texas. Syphilis cases have surged by nearly 80%, gonorrhea is up 32%, and roughly 28,000 Houstonians live with HIV—a disproportionate impact on Latino communities. AmistadesHTX, a program of Legacy, has been at the forefront of this fight, providing free HIV testing, PrEP access, support groups, and culturally tailored education.

"Too often, stigma keeps people from knowing their status or starting care," said Miguel Jacquez, program lead for AmistadesHTX. "AmistadesHTX creates safe spaces—where conversations about HIV prevention, mental health, and well-being are not just accepted, but encouraged."

WHAT: AmistadesHTX 5-Year Anniversary Open House

WHEN: Friday, September 19, 2025
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

WHERE: 5420 Dashwood Drive, Suite 201
Houston, TX 77081

WHO:

- Miguel Jacquez, Program Lead, AmistadesHTX
- Legacy Community Health leadership
- Houston-area Latino/a/x artists and community advocates

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Free HIV testing
- Live DJ set by **DJ Rosez**
- Cocktails and appetizers

- Local art display showcasing Latinx talent
- Photo booth for guests
- Door prizes throughout the night

Media are encouraged to RSVP to publicaffairs@legacycommunityhealth.org.

Free HIV Services at Legacy

Legacy makes it easy with **FREE, walk-in HIV testing** at convenient locations across Greater Houston and Beaumont. HIV is still on the rise in the South, and one out of every 200 Houstonians is living with HIV. Prevention and treatment can help end the spread of HIV—and it all starts with knowing your status.

Legacy offers **free, fast, and confidential HIV testing**, with many locations providing walk-in options. No matter your results, Legacy is here to help protect your health with affordable prevention and treatment services.

- **Walk-in testing:** Available on a first-come, first-served basis. For locations and hours, visit <https://www.legacycommunityhealth.org/services/hivstd-screening-treatment/>.
- **At-Home HIV Test Kits:** Call (832) 548-5221 to request a kit if you can't visit a clinic during regular hours.
- **Treatment services:** Call (281) 616-7015 to get connected to care.

About AmistadesHTX

[AmistadesHTX is a program of Legacy Community Health](#) dedicated to empowering Houston's Latino/a/x community by reducing stigma, providing education, and offering accessible HIV prevention and care in affirming spaces. Focused on Latino men but open to all, AmistadesHTX offers free HIV testing, connections to prevention tools like PrEP, and access to culturally tailored health services.

Through initiatives such as **Café con Leche**, a closed, status-neutral discussion group, and the **Como Soy / As I Am** storytelling campaign, AmistadesHTX fosters open conversations about HIV, sexual health, and mental well-being—topics often considered taboo in Latino culture. By creating safe, welcoming spaces, the program helps normalize testing, prevention, and treatment, while encouraging community connection and resilience.

About Legacy Community Health

Legacy Community Health is a full-service health care system comprised of 62 locations in the Texas Gulf Coast region offering primary and specialty care, as well as pharmacy services. For over 40 years, Legacy has been innovating the ways we provide comprehensive, quality health care services to individuals, families, and communities in need. As the largest Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in Texas and a United Way-affiliated agency since 1990, Legacy ensures its services and programs are open to all, regardless of the ability to pay—without judgment or exception. To learn more, visit www.legacycommunityhealth.org.