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Bringin' in the Green

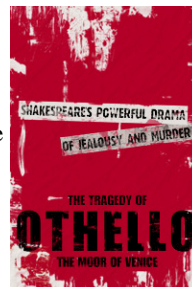


On March 14 this year, once again, we are extremely grateful and excited to be holding our St. Patrick's Day celebration at John Danielson's beautiful and historic home at 3618 Burlington Street. It's an after-work affair, from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Hors

D'oeuvres will be provided compliments of Dwane Todd, Attorney at Law. Parking is available across the street. All proceeds from this annual event will go towards our building fund. Once the buildout is complete on the first floor, the new building will provide a permanent home for HATCH, as well as provide a space in which the community may gather for meetings and other social activities. Tickets for Bringin' in the Green are \$30 and \$25 for senior citizens at the door, or you may pay online through Network for Good by clicking the banner above. Just be sure to indicate "Bringin' in the Green" in the designation field. Sponsorships are available through Mary Urban at communitydev@montrosecounselingcenter.org or 713.529.0037 x371.

ActOUT at the Alley Theatre

On March 20, Montrose Counseling Center is thrilled to be chosen as a community partner for the ActOUT performance of William Shakespeare's Othello at the Alley Theatre. Before the performance, attend a pre-curtain event with complimentary hors d'oeuvres, desserts and beverages. At 7:30, head downstairs to the performance of Othello. The ActOUT event is FREE with your ticket to the March 20 performance. Use the promo code: ACTOUT when you purchase your tickets online or call the box office at 713.220.5700, then enter 1.



Jungle 16: The Adventure Continues

Support Montrose Counseling Center's HIV/AIDS Outreach programs by attending Bayou City Boy's Club's Jungle 16: The Adventure Continues. The events begin Thursday, March 20 through the big show on Saturday, March 22 with an afterparty on Sunday morning. Admission to the Main Event on Saturday at [Warehouse Live](#) is \$50 in advance and \$60 at the door. This is an annual good time, so get your tickets early and have a safe time at the party. **Volunteers Needed:** If you are interested in volunteering on behalf of MCC, contact Community Projects Specialist Mary Urban at communitydev@montrosecounselingcenter.org or 713.529.0037 x371.



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EJ's Show Benefits HATCH

Before heading over to Bunnies on March 23, see what's *hatching* over at [EJs](#). At 1 p.m., [Marcia Mink Gill](#) and other members of the [Empire of the Royal Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star](#) (ERSICSS) will perform to raise money for [HATCH](#)'s permanent home.

Bunnies on the Bayou



What are you doing Easter Sunday? Hop your way to the Fish Center/Wortham Plaza on Buffalo Bayou for this year's Bunnies on the Bayou on March 23. Montrose

Counseling Center has been selected as a beneficiary of the Easter Sunday Event. The fun runs from 2 - 7 p.m. Montrose Counseling Center also needs to fill **volunteer positions** at Bunnies. The deadline to register to be a volunteer Bunny is March 15, 2008, so go sign up now! All volunteers get in free, and receive a commemorative t-shirt. All volunteers are invited to a pre-party social on Sunday, March 16, from 2 - 4 p.m. at Guava Lamp.

Switchboard Training Coming Up

Coming up this spring, MCC will hold a training for volunteers for Gay & Lesbian Switchboard Houston. The dates are yet to be determined, however we are accepting applications. Being a Switchboard Volunteer is a challenging and rewarding experience! Aside from the gratification that comes from helping callers in need and being a part of your community, there is the additional fulfillment in being a part of a cohesive group of like-minded people.



Volunteers assist callers requesting help or information on:

- Referrals to GLBT Organizations & GLBT Friendly Businesses
- Coming Out Issues
- Suicide Prevention
- Sexual Assault
- Domestic Partner Abuse/Violence
- Hate Crimes
- HIV Counseling/Case Management
- Chemical Dependency Treatment
- General Therapy Referrals

Print out a [Program Volunteer Application Form](#) (pdf), fill it out and either mail it back to us at the address above, or fax it to 713.526.4367.



Montrose Counseling Center has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of

Approval™. If you have concerns about client safety or quality of care at Montrose Counseling Center, you may report these concerns to the Commission at: One Renaissance Blvd.; Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181 or at <http://www.jointcommission.org/>



MCC Hits B-I-N-G-O

Drag Queen Bingo at [JR's Bar & Grill](#) has chosen MCC as its charity of the month for March! Every Tuesday night, 9 – 11 p.m., get your Bingo cards for the first round free and then it's \$3 per card for the second round. The game kicks off at 9 p.m. Come on down and enjoy the fun!

Internship Position Available

Fund Development Assistant - Responsibilities include researching funding opportunities and assist with writing proposals and planning special events. If you are going to be a Junior or Senior in college this coming fall, we welcome you to apply for our Exxon/Mobil summer internship program! You will have the opportunity to work with our development office where you will learn what it takes to raise funds for a non-profit organization. Oh, and did we mention that you will be paid? All inquiries should be addressed to Mary Urban, Community Projects Specialist at at communitydev@montrosecounselingcenter.org or 713.529.0037 x371.

Wear It On Your Wrist



Support Montrose Counseling Center by buying an Until There's A Cure bracelet. Be sure to mention our name with your order and we get 25 percent of the total order. Until There's A Cure® Foundation is a nonprofit organization that raises funds and awareness about HIV/AIDS through the sale of The Bracelet™. You can support Montrose Counseling Center by mentioning us when purchasing bracelets and other products from Until There's A Cure.

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