



## ACTS Recognizes Employees and Board Members

On Monday, October 1, ACTS held its annual board dinner with more than 40 people in attendance. At the meeting, five staff members received awards for their dedication and hard work to ACTS.

- Tyra Davis – Senior Clerk Specialist at ACTS Adult Addictions Receiving Facility
- Jessica Faber – HIV Project Manager at the Juvenile Assessment Center
- Karen Fenske – Accountant
- Giffe' Gill – Team Leader for Polk HEART
- Iris Robinson – Accounting Specialist II



Two board members also received a special award for their commitment to ACTS – Catherine Batsche for her more than 25 years of service on the board, and Board President Jim Jacob for his time devoted to the agency since ACTS previous CEO Richard Brown passed away in December 2017. To see more pictures from the board dinner, [click here](#). To see the annual report distributed at the meeting, [click here](#).

## ACTS Hosted Community Homeless Outreach



Homelessness is a problem that spreads across city and county lines. That's why the Tampa Police Department and Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office teamed up on Tuesday, September 18, to host the Community Homeless Outreach event at ACTS Firemen's Hall. The outreach included more than 40 vendors providing food, clothes, hot showers and job assistance for those in need. 232 homeless people attended the event. [Click here](#) to read an article from the Tampa Bay Times about the outreach. See more photos [here](#).



## Red Ribbon Week is October 23 - 31

DID YOU KNOW? Children of parents who talk to their teens regularly about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs than those who don't; yet, only a quarter of teens report having these conversations. Red Ribbon Week (October 23-31), the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the nation, is your opportunity to get the ongoing conversation started. This year's theme is Life Is Your Journey. Travel Drug Free.



Visit [www.redribbon.org](http://www.redribbon.org) to learn more about Red Ribbon Week and get tips for talking to your kids about drugs. The life you save may be that of your own child or a dear friend. ACTS is here to help locally with youth with substance use issues – call us at 813.246.4899 to schedule an assessment for your loved one.

## ACTS Housing Program Wins HEART Award

ACTS housing staff were recognized by the Housing & Education Alliance for our HEART program at their HEART Awards in the Heart for the Homeless organization category. The other nominees for this award included Miracles Outreach and Trinity Cafe. The HEART program started at ACTS in December 2014 and offers the housing first approach to clients. More than 80% of the clients in this program come from either shelters or places not meant for human habitation before entering and have substance use, mental health issues or both. To find out more about the awards, visit [www.heausa.org/heart-awards](http://www.heausa.org/heart-awards) and to see more pictures, [click here](#).



## ACTS Offering Parenting Class Starting Oct. 10

Millions of parents have achieved success with Active Parenting—and you can, too! This video-based program, for parents of children ages 5 to 12, will help you learn ways to raise responsible children who are able to resist negative peer pressure. Over the course of six sessions, you'll learn non-violent discipline techniques plus effective communication and encouragement skills to build a solid foundation for the upcoming teen years. The class is geared towards ACTS clients, will be held at ACTS administrative office in Tampa from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Costs for ACTS current clients are \$35, and \$135 for Eckerd or past ACTS involved clients. For more information, [click here](#).



## For More Information

ACTS, Agency for Community Treatment Services, Inc., is a non-profit serving the Tampa Bay area since 1978. As a comprehensive, community-based behavioral health organization, ACTS mission is to apply the best of contemporary physical and behavioral health interventions and social support services available to assist individuals and families to engage and succeed in recovery. Call us today to find out how we can help you - 813.246.4899 or visit us online at [www.actsfl.org](http://www.actsfl.org).

