2017 WELLNESS Challenge









Are you stuck in a rut and need a little motivation to improve your health?

The Wellness Challenge is a 4 week challenge that will help you develop and maintain healthy habits and overall well-being. These activities will engage you and inspire you to become happier, healthier and more energetic. To complete the Wellness Challenge and be entered into the raffle for a chance to win great prizes, you should complete the following by **April 30, 2017**:

- Download the Challenge Packet on the Healthy Communities
 Website (www.crh.org/healthycommunities), the Healthy Communities
 Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/crh.healthy.communities/) or email Healthy Communities, healthycommunities@crh.org. You can also pick up the packet at Wellconnect (237 Washington Street).
- Complete at least **24 different wellness activities** that include at least six (6) tasks from each of the four (4) wellness pillars: Purpose, Nutrition, Mindfulness and Activity.
- Consider liking **Healthy Communities** on <u>Facebook</u> and/or <u>Twitter</u>. This is not a requirement but is strongly encouraged.

Motivating your friends and co-workers is highly encouraged! Begin tracking on April 1, 2017.

No matter how slow you go, you are still lapping everybody on the couch!



<u>Purpose</u>



- Review your work schedule and remove any unnecessary obligations
- Start each day saying something positive to yourself in the mirror
- Call someone you haven't spoken to in a while just to "catch up"
- Sign up for a class to learn something new (cooking, boxing, etc.)
- Compliment a stranger
- O Donate 2 hours of time to your favorite local charity
- Handwrite someone a nice note and mail it
- O Complete a project you have been putting off
- O Pay it forward. Complete a good deed or random act of kindness
- Give your undivided attention to someone else for 15 minutes
- Shop local. Visit a local store/restaurant you've never been to before
- Introduce yourself to a new neighbor or co-worker

Nutrition



- O Take time to start your day with a healthy breakfast
- O Choose a serving of fruit instead of that dessert you're craving
- O Have dinner as a family or with friends the majority of each week
- O Select a "light" menu item at a restaurant
- Eat slowly and enjoy a healthy meal by savoring every bite
- O Drink 64 ounces of water a day for a minimum of 5 days
- Replace a food choice with a healthier one each day for a week
- O Eat a healthy vegetarian meal a minimum of one time per week
- O Create a colorful plate. Choose 3 different colored foods per meal
- Substitute water for a caffeinated or sugar sweetened beverage daily
- Share a healthy meal recipe with a friend or co-worker
- Eat fruit/vegetables as your snack instead of unhealthy alternatives



<u>Mindfulness</u>





- Set aside time each day for relaxation
- O Go to bed 30 minutes earlier than normal
- Oclean out and organize a closet, desk or drawer that needs it
- Go to a natural setting and just sit quietly and listen
- Start a savings account or increase your input into your current one
- Watch the sun set or rise
- Turn off the TV and put away you cell phone one hour before bed
- O Call and schedule a health check-up
- O Sleep at least 7-8 hours each night
- Carpool, walk or bike to work, church or the store
- Reduce or eliminate unhealthy pleasures (alcohol, sitting, TV, etc.)
- Ocontinue a tobacco free lifestyle. If you smoke, call (800) Quit-Now

Activity



- O Set a goal to exercise a certain amount of days per week & stick to it
- Walk 10,000 steps per day for 5 consecutive days
- Try Columbike for FREE one time in April (promo code 2017)
- Swap your chair for an exercise ball/opt to stand versus sit each day
- Pick up trash while you take a 30 minute walk
- O Join a local sports league or wellness class
- © Exercise for at least 30 minutes a day for a minimum of 5 days
- Try something new (stationary bike, water aerobics, yoga, etc.)
- Schedule a walk during your lunch break and stick to it
- O Begin a stretching routine before you go to bed or when you wake up
- Play a yard game with family or friends (frisbee, kickball, basketball)
- Park in the back of the lot or take the stairs daily to walk farther











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- Email this ENTIRE document with check marks next to the completed activities to healthycommunities@crh.org or drop it off at Wellconnect (237 Washington Street).

Name:	 	
Workplace: _		
Email:		
Phone:		

Email this entire document to healthycommunities@crh.org or drop it off at Wellconnect (237 Washington Street) by May 3, 2017.

