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Recognizing Signs of Depression in Your Loved One

Going into fall leads to less daylight and earlier darkness. This change can onset seasonal depression in some people. That being said, it is important to look for warning signs.

Aging brings changes to older adults' lifestyles. With stressful life events such as the death of a spouse, worrying about having enough money for retirement, and dealing with chronic health conditions, it's understandable that some seniors may feel down from time to time.

However, depression is not a normal part of the aging process. Depression interferes with daily life and may have an impact on seniors' energy levels, sleeping habits, appetites and more. Many older adults may not even realize what they're feeling is more serious than just sadness or negativity. It can be tough to break out of the rut depression brings, but with the right support and treatment, your loved one can get back to enjoying a happy, fulfilling life.

Because of the negative health effects associated with depression, it's important to be able to identify the signs of clinical depression. These signs include:

- Loss of interest in activities previously enjoyed
- Social isolation or no desire to spend time with friends or family
- Sudden weight loss or loss of appetite
- Changes in sleep habits: trouble falling or staying asleep or sleeping more than normal
- Neglecting to take care of themselves, forgetting to take meds or change their clothes



- Lack of energy and motivation
- Having difficulty concentrating or staying focused
- Slower movements or speech
- Behaving out of character, being moody or irritable
- Loss of self-esteem

It's important to recognize that depression is also a side effect of some common medical conditions in seniors like stroke, diabetes, dementia, heart disease, multiple sclerosis and some cancers.



November is the time of year when we are thankful for so many things! In the Activity Department, we are especially grateful for the many amazing residents who spend time with us talking, laughing and creating! We are so thankful and blessed to know each and everyone of you! This month in Activities, we'll make a "thankful" tree, exercise our right to VOTE in the election, remember our Veterans at the NJ Vietnam Veterans Museum, bake delicious Thanksgiving dessert favorites, celebrate Thanksgiving with a Sunday Brunch, and 'Travel' to Canada during DESTINATIONS! All this and more featured in November's Calendar! See you around the Community!







Roselyn "Roz" Rider

Getting to know Roz!

What was your favorite vacation?

That's easy! Long Beach Island, NJ! I had a house there and it always felt like a vacation spot! It was a wonderful place to be!

Of what are you most proud?

My kids of course, Karen and Kevin. I am really proud of Karen. She is a nurse and I can always rely on her. She helps me so much and has always been there for me,

Tell us about your husband:

His name was John. We met at the shore when my family would go to the Atlantic City area shoretowns. He was a lifeguard!

What's your favorite food?

oh, I miss fresh seafood! I mean really fresh, as in, just caught at the shore! That is delicious!

Where would you travel and why?

I loved Ireland! I have been there before especially since I'm part Irish! My husband and I traveled to many countries; Germany, England, France, South America, but I would return to Ireland!



Sunday Brunch is Back! Thanksgiving Brunch Buffet Sunday, November 19th, 12:00pm to 2:00pm

Annual Winter Holiday Party!

Thursday, December 7th, 6:00pm to 8:00pm With our Compliments! Delicious food, drinks, desserts and more! Bring an ornament to share, ride in a horse drawn carriage! RSVP by 11/30/17

Resident Birthday's in October :

Gerry R11/8	
Donald H 11/19	
Florian "Ed" B 11/23	

Birthday Bash: Tuesday, November 28th 2:30pm

Employee of the Month for November:

My Sister Juillet

Nursing Department Certified Nursing Assistant Congratulations!

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Favorite Thanksgiving Side ... Maple-Roasted Root Vegetables #FallFest

Thanksgiving is the mother of all meals in America. The one day when tradition trumps food trends and the tables are groaning under the weight of all the food. Many people have to recreate exactly the same Thanksgiving meal year after year, most being absolutely unbending on the menu. They MUST have the same overcooked turkey, sweet potatoes with marshmallows and the green bean casserole. But, why not consider introducing a new side dish this year...

Ingredients

1 fennel bulb, fronds discarded, cored and sliced

2 sweet potatoes, peeled and cubed

5 carrots, tops trimmed, and chopped

3 Russet potatoes, peeled and cubed

4 Peruvian purple potatoes (or Yukon Gold potatoes if you can't find them)

4 red potatoes, cubed

1 large onion, peeled and cubed

3 tbsp organic olive oil

3 tbsp pure maple syrup

1 tbsp fresh or dried rosemary

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

2 tbsp maple-vinegar, optional

Instructions

Set a rack in the center of the oven and preheat to 350°F.

Rinse all the vegetables in clean water and place on a cutting board. Chop or cube as directed and place in a large, shallow roasting pan. Drizzle the oil and maple syrup over the top and sprinkle with the rosemary, salt and pepper. Add the maple vinegar if using. Toss the vegetables until everything is mixed and coated with the oil and maple syrup.



Place pan in the hot oven

and roast for 20 minutes. Carefully stir the vegetables and continue roasting for another 30 to 45 minutes or until a fork can be easily inserted in the largest pieces.

Remove from the oven, toss again, and serve hot.

If made ahead, cool and store in a covered container in the refrigerator. Reheat before serving. Can be made up to two days in advance.

Serves 8-10





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