



Smart Eating: Your Guide to Brain Food this Thanksgiving

The brain is the most significant organ in our body. Without it, we wouldn't have any of the unique thoughts and memories that make us who we are. As we continue to age, it is important to exercise the brain as if it were a muscle. In fact, studies have shown individuals who keep their brains healthy are less prone to certain forms of dementia, like Alzheimer's disease. Their brains form what is called a "cognitive reserve" to help protect from this disease. Simply put, an active mind is a healthy mind!

There are many things you can do in order to help keep your brain

healthy. Make sure to get plenty of sleep and physical activity, continue to learn and explore new things, keep an active social life, and include brain food in your diet. This Thanksgiving, consider incorporating some of these brain foods into your meal. Some of these might seem untraditional for a Thanksgiving dinner, but they'll help you build up your cognitive reserve!

- **Blueberries** - These sweet, juicy berries have been shown to protect the brain from oxidative stress. Oxidative stress happens when there is an imbalance between the production of oxygen and the body's ability to purify that oxygen. Studies

have also shown that blueberries increased the motor ability and learning ability of aging rats, making them equal to young rats. It is recommended that you eat at least one cup of blueberries daily.

- **Wild Salmon** - Many kinds of fish, including salmon, have Omega-3 fatty acids which are crucial to brain function. Omega-3s also contain anti-inflammatory substances. It is recommended that you eat four ounces of fish containing Omega-3's at least three or four times a week.

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Happy Birthday!

Health Center

Jo M.	11/02
Joyce G.	11/10
Patsy W.	11/14
Lewis M.	11/15
Viola G.	11/24
Elizabeth B.	11/26

AL/Legacy Resident Birthdays

Norma G.	11/01
Anthony S.	11/08
Penney M.	11/12
Arnold K.	11/22
Mary C.	11/25

Volunteer News

The Life Enrichment Department is always looking for volunteers. We are always in need of help at our weekly Happy Hour, Monthly Sunday Brunch, quarterly Themed Dinners and Family Nights and more! Please contact a team member if interested.

Live a Dream

Please let the life Enrichment Department know if there is a resident with a Live a Dream. We would love to help make a dream of one of our residents come true. If you have any questions regarding the live a dream please contact the Life Enrichment Department. They would be more than happy to answer any questions you have regarding the Live a Dream program.

Executive Director Corner

Happy November! I hope that October was good to you, and I hope you're ready for all that November has in store. Now that I'm already hearing the occasional Christmas Carol on the way in to work, I'm finding it hard not to get excited about the weeks ahead. If you're also noticing yourself getting lost in the tune of a favorite song, I highly encourage you to check out our *Music to My Ears* program, where you can participate in musical activities up to three times a week.

Around this time of the year, we hear a lot about family. In honor of National Family Caregivers Month, we especially like to remember our loved ones who never question helping us when we need it, and who continue to keep us warm with their love and support. This year's theme

for the month is "Caregiving Around the Clock," which acknowledges the struggles that family caregivers face, and seeks to provide them with the tools necessary to deliver the best care possible. Talk to any member of our team about the multitude of resources we provide for family caregivers, as well as our Long-Term and Short-Term care options that can lift some of the weight off of their shoulders.

Thank you to everyone who works so compassionately to make our community a home for all that we serve. I hope that you have a great November, and I look forward to spending the holiday season with you!

Yours in Service,
Frederick Massoll
Executive Director



MSU Game

The MSU game with Arnie and Perry was a fun day for everyone who attended the game!



Luau

The Luau for Jo May was a nice turn out. We hope she enjoyed her special day.



Photo Highlights



Ladies staying busy with creative cooking and making rose pedal sugar scrub



Save The Date!

Music entertainment throughout the month:

Piano with Wendy:
11/13 @ 3:00pm

Music with Paul Tambeline:
11/21 @ 6:30pm

November Outings

Meridian Mall	11/05
Park Lake Creamery	11/08
Hobby Lobby	11/12
Meijer Shopping	11/14
Baverian Inn	11/19
Casino	11/21
VanAttas Greenhouse	11/26
NCG Movie Theater	11/27

Happy Hour Entertainment

Health Center

Billy McAlister:	11/01
Tess Clarksons:	11/08
Mo Hyatt:	11/15
Jim Herman:	11/22
Jonathan Star:	11/29

Legacy

Billy McAlister:	11/01
Tess & Jack Clarksons:	11/08
Fading World:	11/15
Pat Colony:	11/22
Lee Piper:	11/29



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Our Department Leaders are here to solve any concerns you may have.

In the event that you need further assistance with any unresolved concerns, we encourage you to call or email our Compliance Hotline: 800-908-8618, ext. 2800; or comply@trilogybs.com

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• **Nuts and Seeds** - Nuts and seeds are a great source of Vitamin-E, and the more Vitamin-E you have, the greater your chances of avoiding cognitive challenges in later years. Try to eat an ounce a day of your nuts or seeds of choice. There are plenty of different flavors and options for both of these brain healthy foods!

• **Avocados** - Are you a guacamole fan? Then you have avocado to thank! However, they aren't just good for a zesty green dip; they also have lots of mono-saturated fat, which helps increase blood flow. Increased blood flow helps keep a healthy brain. They also lower blood pressure, which helps prevent hypertension-a risk factor in the decline of cognitive abilities. You should eat 1/4 or 1/2 of

an avocado as a side dish with one of your main courses.

• **Whole Grains** - Whole grains can reduce the risk of heart disease because they increase blood flow, which in turn helps the brain. Try eating a 1/2 cup of whole grain cereal, or a slice of whole grain bread daily.

Hopefully, this list gives you plenty of options for healthy eating. If not, there are many other tasty foods to assist you in keeping your mind sharp. Also, if you have a loved one who calls our campus home, you can rest assured that they too will receive all of the delicious brain nutrients that they need. Our chefs are well trained, our ingredients always fresh, and the health of our residents is always our top priority.

Word Search

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AVOCADO
BLUEBERRY
BRAIN
DELICIOUS

EATING
FOOD
FRESH
GRAINS

HEALTHY
MEAL
NUTS
SALMON

SEEDS
THANKSGIVING
VITAMINS
ZESTY