

# Gmart 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!

#### Residents

November 03	Bonnie J.
November 03	Wanda S.
November 07	Mary B.
November 11	Bonita W.
November 24	Lois M.
November 30	Beatrice D.
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### Staff

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November 06	Penny K.
November 08	Paul T.
November 13	Caroline H.
November 13	Jessica S.
November 19	Bridgitte J.

## Live a Dream

We are always wanting to assist in making dreams come true for our residents! If you may know something that one of them would love to do, please share that with our Life Enrichment department. They would love to help their dreams come true!

# Family Night

Invitations will be arriving soon, about our next family night! We are looking forward to being able to assist our residents in celebrating the upcoming holidays with their families! Please make sure to RSVP.

### Taste of Town

We invite local restaurants to come in and give our residents the look and feel of being part of the restaurant with out the travel part of it. Taste of town is always held on the third Thursday of the month. Check in with our Chef to see what is coming our next!

# 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 "Care giving 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!

Sincerely,

Brandy Royalty

RN, MSN, HFA,

**Executive Director** 

# Monster Jam



Monster Jam



Frank and his Friends headed to Monster Jam

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Frank at Monster Jam

# Live a Dream: Honor Flight



Hobson's trip to Washington



Hobson and his daughter visiting the Monuments in Washington



Hobson enjoying the day with The Bluegrass Honor Flight

# More from... Monster Jam

## Sunday Brunch

Our next Sunday Brunch will be November 17th, from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Please come join us and share a meal with your loved one. Each resident can have up to two guests free of charge. Any additional guests can attend for a charge of \$7.00 each. Please RSVP with the campus so we can make sure we have enough seating for everyone.

## Volunteer News

Holidays are right around the corner. Are you looking for a way to give back this season? Then see our Life Enrichment department! We are looking for volunteers to visit one on one with residents, assist with some of our daily activities.

### Did You Know...?

That you can read the monthly newsletter on-line.
Please follow the campus link: www.hamptonoakshc.com

The Private Dining Rooms can be reserved for birthday parties or family gatherings.

Happy Hour it is weekly on Fridays at 3:00pm with live entertainment.

The Trilogy Foundation grants live a dreams for our residents, see the Life Enrichment Director for more details.



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We strive to provide the best customer service and quality care for our residents. 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@trilogyhs.com

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# 'Smart Eating'

- *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.

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