# **Tending to Your Mental Health**

As we continue to move through life, it can be easy to get overwhelmed. Family members move to new cities, friends can become harder to reach, and day-to-day activities can become more strenuous. And as our physical health begins to change, our mental health follows – often paving the way for stress to poke its head back into our lives.

Dr. Michelle Dosset, an internal and integrative medicine specialist at the Benson-Henry Institute for Mind Body Medicine, had studied the effects of stress on seniors. In her research, she attributes aging cells to increased levels of stress. Here's what she had to share with Harvard Health Publishing:

"Normally when we're stressed, our brains get flooded with stress hormones, the midbrain takes over, and the front of the brain—which controls concentration, attention and decision-making—works

less well. Restorative sleep helps to flush stress hormones from the brain. However, many older adults have sleep problems. Stress may make it more difficult to fall back asleep, and the inability to clear these stress hormones from the brain during sleep means that the cognitive effects of stress can worsen over time." Provided by Healthline, here are some steps that you can take towards relieving stress:

- Exercise.
- Reduce your caffeine intake.
- Have a laugh.
- Take a yoga class.
- Listen to relaxing music.
- Take a deep breath.

To support these steps, our community offers specialized programming to combat stressors and keep our residents engaged in fun, fulfilling ways. With our *Lifelong Learning* program, rather than worrying about your health,



you can take a course on it. If you're wanting to improve your palate, talk to one of our chefs about adjusting your diet. Finally, our *BrainFIT* program can help you maintain everyday intellectual performance while lowering your chance of Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. Talk to a member of our team today to learn more about how *BrainFIT* coursework can help you!

## Happy Birthday!

Residents	
Jeanne B.	6/09
Julius R.	6/13
Staff	
Charlene D.	6/15
Cathleen S.	6/22
Rebekah K.	6/23

### Smile of the Month

When the sun is out, we like to sit on the porch and play games. Mrs. June enjoyed an afternoon with fun in the sun!



Nothing beats a day of fun outdoors

#### **Out & About**

We went to the spring meet at Keenland. We enjoyed a picnic on the bus and an afternoon watching the horse's race. One of our residents was even a lucky winner.



#### It was a beautiful day outside at the races

# Executive Director Corner

Welcome to Junel

Summer is finally here,

which means it's time to break out the sunscreen, grab an icecold lemonade, and get ready for a season of celebration. I'm always a fan of our summertime cookouts, so I'm especially excited to see what we cook up on the grill this year.

As the weather continues to get warmer, there has never been a better time to participate in our Out and About program. With Out and About, we're proud to offer our residents field trips, bus tours, sports outings, and more up to two times per week! Talk to any member of our team today to learn more about our next outing.

Finally, I have to once again thank every one of you who participated in and/or helped organize our recent Lucille's Ball Theme Week. Our friends and families have been loving what we've shared of the event across our Facebook and Twitter pages, and I highly encourage you to check out our social media pages to see all of the fun for yourself. We'll see you for the next Theme Week! Let's have a great month!

Yours in Service.

Beth Blair

**Executive Director** 





Having fun in group exercise

# VITALITY PROGRAM

Life Enrichment and Therapy have partnered to do a group exercise every Friday morning. Come join us to get your day started by getting your body moving and a dose of laughter.

#### HAPPY HOUR

We had our own Tattoo parlor during happy hour. Residents had a great time sporting their new ink.



Residents had a blast getting new tattoos

# **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

The Easter Bunny and friends came for a visit and gave us some cute presents.



Our Friends from Family Wealth Group with the Easter Bunny

# Resident Spotlight

When you need prayer, find
Teresa. You may know her as
Teri, but she is a devout Catholic
who loves reading devotionals
and watching service online or
TV. If there is an activity going
on like Bingo, Happy Hour, or
a craft of some kind, she is there
or she is sitting outside when the
weather is nice with a good book.
Teri loves Arnold Palmer, a good
bourbon and diet coke, animals,
God, books, and sunshine. Stop
by and have a chat anytime.



Teri dancing at happy hour

#### Entertainment

We always find ways to celebrate, and our faithful friend Fancy came to help us celebrate National Unicorn Day at our weekly happy hour.



Fancy surprised us at happy hour



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#### Stay in the Loop **y** f

Keep up with latest campus news and happenings by following us on your favorite social networks!

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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## Monthly Trivia & Activity Corner

All trivia answers will be printed in our upcoming month's newsletter!

Question 1: Which sea separates Great Britain from Ireland?

Question 2: Who is the composer behind "Moonlight Sonata"?

Question 3: Which animated character famously exclaims "D'oh!"?

Question 4: What is the most populated city in the United States?

Question 5: How many years are in a millennium?

Flip the page for last month's trivia answers:

> Q5: Which sense do dogs use the most? Smell Granite State "? New Hampshire Q4: Which state is known as the the United States? James Madison Q3: Who was the fourth president of Səlttisk ş"wodnin ədt əteh" Q2: Which candy has the slogan QI: In what sport is "600e" a score? Tennis

Sport & Activity Word Scramble **TQCOUER ANCED LOFG PGIOPNGN** CEROSC **IWMS** TIHACI STINEN **AWLK** OYGA

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**ACTIVITIES ADVENTURE AGING BREATHE LAUGH** 

**EXERCISE FUN HEALTH** 

**MENTAL MUSIC RELAX** 

**STRENUOUS STRESS** 

**STRETCH SLEEP** TENSION