# Dignity Health - St. Mary Medical Center

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# The Bazzeni Wellness Center Community Newsletter

May 2022

# May is Mental Health Awareness Month

#### WHY WE LOVE MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

#### 1. It's a celebration of mental health

The only way to enjoy life to the fullest and experience all its wonders is if we take care of ourselves, mentally and physically. Don't shy away from talking about what's plaguing you because it might not be your fault, no matter how much society tells you otherwise.

## 2. It's a celebration of changing attitudes

We have come a long way from the times when mental patients were treated as outcasts, not only by their loved ones but also by medical professionals. Times have started changing and more and more people are changing their outlook on mental illnesses. However, we still have a long way to go.

#### 3. It's a celebration of humans

We humans are a set of meticulously-put-together details. Our minds (and bodies) work in harmony to bring us amazing feats in technology, science, humanities, literature, etc. Our mental power, therefore, needs to be taken care of for a better tomorrow for the coming generations.

# What are some mental health helpline numbers?

You can call 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or text 'MHA' to 741741

https://mhanational.org/get-involved/contact-us





# **Older American Month**

After a meeting with the National Council of Senior Citizens, President John F. Kennedy encouraged all Americans to pay tribute to older people across the country by designating May 1963 as Senior Citizens Month.

Every president since has issued a formal proclamation during or before the month of May in support of older Americans. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued a proclamation changing the name of this observance to Older Americans Month. This month continues to be a time to celebrate the age 65 and older population through ceremonies, events and public recognition. <sup>1</sup>

Every May, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) leads the nations Observance of Older Americans Month (OAM). In 2022, ACL will be focusing on aging in place — how older adults can plan to stay in their homes and live independently in their communities for as long as possible. The 2022 theme is Age My Way, an opportunity for all of us to explore the many ways older adults can remain in and be involved with their communities.

Dignity Health will also be celebrating Older American month in-person at The Salvation Army.

Not only is May for older Americans but it is also Stroke Awareness Month and we will be performing free health checks and carotid/thyroid screenings.

1 https://www.census.gov/newsroom/facts-for-features/2017/cb17-ff08.html

2 https://acl.gov/oam/2022/older-americans-month-2022



# **In-Person Events:**

Both events taking place at the Salvation Army 3000 Long Beach Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90807

# **Grandmother and Mother's Day Tea**

When: Wednesday, May 4, 10am-11:30am

#### **Older Americans Stroke Awareness**

When: Tuesday, May 31, 11am-2pm

#### RSVP Required, call or email.

Salvation Army: 562-247-3539 or email: LBSenior.Center@usw.salvationarmy.org

# **Fall Prevention Workshop**

**When:** Monday, May 9, 10-11am **Where:** Weingart Senior Center

5220 Olivia Ave., Lakewood, CA 90712

## **Stress Management Workshop**

When: Wednesday, May 11, 10-11am Where: Paramount Senior Center

14400 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723

#### 6-week Diabetes Workshop:

**When:** 6 Wednesdays, starting June 1 - July 6

**Time:** 10am-12pm

Where: John Parr Health Enhancement Center 1055 Linden Ave., Long Beach, CA 90813

# **Events on Zoom (Virtual):**

# **Golden Hour with SCAN Health Plan**

No Reservation Required

When: Tuesday, May 3, 2pm-3pm

Where: Zoom ID: 3504333027 Passcode: 987456

Phone: (US) +1 602-753-0140

#### **Golden Hour with SCAN Health Plan**

No Reservation Required

When: Wednesday, May 25, 2pm-3pm

Where: Zoom ID: 3504333027 Passcode: 987456

Phone: (US) +1 602-753-0140

#### **Better Breather Clubs**

Support group meets monthly. Learn better ways to cope with lung disease. To register please call, 562-491-9931. Group meets via Zoom.

ID: 952 6451 4515 **Passcode:** 482145

Next Support Group: Tuesday, May 31, 10am-11am

1050 Linden Avenue Long Beach, CA 90813

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED** 

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**Bazzeni Wellness Center** 

Office is currently Closed

1027 Linden Avenue, Long Beach Office Line: 562-491-9811

"NEW WAY TO CONTACT US":

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## **Maternity Tours**

In-person maternity tours are back at St. Mary Medical Center.
To schedule please call 562-491-9109.

Visit our website to take a virtual tour. https://www.dignityhealth.org/socal/ locations/stmarymedical/services/maternalchild-health

