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Nutrition Awareness Week: March 14-18, 2022 -- 2022 is also the 50th Anniversary of the Senior Nutrition Program!

Each year LifeSpan Resources celebrates Nutrition Awareness Week in March with a variety of activities. This year is extra special due to the fact that 2022 is the 50th Anniversary of the United States' Senior Nutrition Program.



SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM
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Since 1972, the national Senior Nutrition

Program has supported nutrition services for older adults across the country. Funded by the Older Americans Act (OAA), local senior nutrition programs serve as hubs for older adults to access nutritious meals and other vital services that strengthen social connections and promote health and wellbeing. LifeSpan Resources operates 6 of these congregate hubs in our 4-county service area.

The theme selected for this celebration is: "Celebrate. Innovate. Educate." which highlights the many accomplishments of the national and local programs, along with the innovative approaches and education used to support senior citizens.

Across the state of Indiana, all Area Agencies on Aging will celebrate the national anniversary along with a special meal and nutrition education for Nutrition Awareness Week. Two dietary topics will be our focus: plant protein and hydration. A special menu of lentil soup, key west vegetables, fresh orange slices, corn bread and milk will be served to accompany the nutrition focus in all of our congregate meal sites. Our local elected officials and dignitaries are invited to come to a site, have lunch with our seniors, and celebrate the amazing accomplishments of the Senior Nutri-

tion Program.

For more information, or to have lunch at a congregate site, please contact Ramona Miller at 812-206-7936.

FROM THE CEO

LifeSpan Resources Annual Report is Here!



The theme at LifeSpan Resources for 2021 was "remaining flexible!" I think we all felt that way as the pandemic ebbed and flowed. Early in the year, we were cautiously optimistic that we would be able to return to normal, but as we all witnessed, the pandemic was not through with us!

We slowly moved into a new normal of cautiously reopening and hosting events inperson, with masks and social distancing. We welcomed back our Senior Games participants to an in-person, all outdoor event in June. In July, we reopened our congregate sites to ecstatic participants. And, best of all we hosted our 4th annual Voice and Vino at the Casino and raised \$125,000!

Our annual report is ready for you to review, and our list of accomplishments is long. I'm so proud of our dedicated team who serves well over 3,500 clients in our Southern Indiana counties each year. Our staff works hard to ensure that all of our clients receive the services they need to remain living independently for as long as possible. In spite of the pandemic's added demands, our staff remained flexible and committed to doing whatever it took to serve our communities.

If you would like to view our 2021 Annual Report, please log onto our website at: www.lsr14.org/reports. To request a printed copy, please contact Sherry Cookson, Executive Assistant, at scookson@lsr14.org.

Sincerely,

Lora Clark

Lora Clark, CEO lclark@lsr14.org





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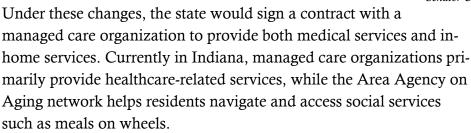
Thank you, Elected Officials

Thank you, State Representatives, Karen Engleman and Rita Fleming; and State Senator Chris Garten for your willingness to sit down with our executive team recently to discuss new long-term care proposals that would change the way some Hoosiers access services that allow them to remain independent and age in their own homes. The LifeSpan Resources executive team voiced the importance of keeping Hoosiers' needs and the trusted network of Indiana's 15 Area Agen-



Left to right: Angela Marino, COO, State Rep., Karen Engleman and Lora Clark, CEO.

cies on Aging at the center of any future managed care system.





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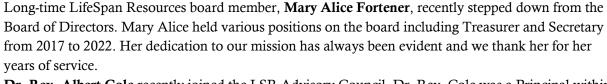


Left to right: Lucy Koesters, CBDO, Angela Marino, COO, and State Senator Chris Garten.





Mary Alice Fortener Steps Down from Board of Directors: Dr. Rev. Albert Cole joins Advisory Council





Dr. Rev. Albert Cole recently joined the LSR Advisory Council. Dr. Rev. Cole was a Principal within the Jefferson County Public School System and the Pastor at New Progressive Baptist Church.

Welcome Dr. Cole!

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VOLUNTEER MONTH

THANK YOU, ANTHEM!

We would like to thank Anthem for a recent grant we received. The grant funds will be utilized to provide shelf stable emergency meals to eighty clients who receive home delivered meals through LifeSpan Resources Meals to Go! program. Our caterer, Masterson's, will provide and deliver the meals to the selected clients. The eighty clients selected to receive these meals are considered the most fragile and nutritionally needy of those who receive meals. The clients and staff of LifeSpan Resources are very appreciative of these grant funds.







April is National Volunteer Month Check out these 9 benefits!

By Lucy Koesters

Volunteering is the chance to make a difference, give back, and help others in need. Charitable organizations could not perform needed services without the help of dedicated volunteers. However, there is much more to being a volunteer than giving back to your

community. Research has proven that volunteering supports a healthy mind and body.



Check out these nine awesome benefits of volunteering:

- •Counteracts the effects of stress and anxiety
- •Combats depression
- •Increases self-confidence
- •Provides a sense of purpose
- Positively affects physical health

- Enhances socialization
- •Helps retirees restructure their time
- •Builds new skills, enhancing brain health
- •It's FUN!



Volunteers from Brightwell Behavioral Health prepare to serve lunch during Senior Games 2021.

If you are considering doing some volunteer work, first ask yourself:

- •Is there a cause or mission I care deeply about?
- •How much time do I want to spend?

Volunteer activities range from fairly structured assignments to informal helping of neighbors. There are many non-profit organizations, churches, hospitals, and schools looking for help.

So how do you find volunteer opportunities? If you have a favorite local non-profit, check out their web site for volunteer tasks. At LifeSpan Resources, we *LOVE* volunteers! We always have opportunities in a variety of areas including helping out at our senior congregate centers, clerical office tasks, fundraiser gala committees, springtime outdoor spruce ups, advisory committees and more.

We hope you will consider volunteering. For opportunities at LifeSpan Resources, please visit our web site's volunteer page: www.lsr14.org/volunteer.

LEGACY CIRCLE INAUGURAL EVENT



On February 10, LifeSpan Resources held their first annual Legacy Circle Induction Ceremony at Baer's City Winery. Individual donors were designated as founding members at the reception. These donors received a pin and certificate for their generosity toward LifeSpan Resources and the clients we serve. Thank you so much to our sponsors for the evening: Mansion on Main/Bridgepointe Gardens, Baer's City

Winery and Kathy L. Copas Communications; and to State Rep. Ed Clere for emceeing our program.







State Rep. Ed Clere and Lora Clark, CEO, inducted Greg and Christy Nash, Ruth Heideman, and Beth Preher into the Legacy Circle. Ed and Amy Clere are also members, along with 37 others. LifeSpan Resources greatly appreciates these dedicated donors!

To find out more about the Legacy Circle, contact Lora Clark, CEO at lclark@lsr14.org or 812-206-7942.



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FAREWELL, FRANKIE/50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

LIFESPAN RESOURCES TO CELEBRATE 50 YEARS IN 2023

It's hard to believe, but LifeSpan Resources will celebrate 50 years of serving the residents of Clark, Floyd, Harrison and Scott counties in 2023, and we are already planning a HUGE celebration.

A committee has been formed to determine exactly how we will celebrate throughout the year, and how we can continue to raise awareness for the needs of our clients with this milestone.

Watch for more information on upcoming celebra-

tion events in future issues of LifeNotes and on our Facebook page and web site. We look forward to celebrating with you all in 2023!



FRANKIE ABLE RETIRES FROM LSR

Frankie Able retired on February 28th, 2022. She started her career with us in July 1988 and has been the face of LifeSpan Resources in the community ever since. She is a Certified Information and Referral Specialist though the Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS) and a certified State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) counselor. Her knowledge of community

resources, Medicaid and Medicare is unmatched. She has always provided a caring and listening ear, as well as solutions, to everyone who called the ADRC in need of support. In addition, Frankie has always been the party planner extraordinaire within the office, whether it be Halloween, Christmas or pitch-ins, she was always ready to have some fun!

Thank you, Frankie, for your incredible contributions to our team and those we serve. We will miss you!





SENIOR GAMES GANG 2022 UPDATE

Senior Games Gang Brings in the New Year with Fun Events!

On Friday, January 14, the Senior Games Gang welcomed in the New Year and met to play games and create Valentine cards for our clients. To kick off the new year, Gang members were encouraged to invite friends to see what we are all about. In total, we had six visitors check out the Gang. And on February 11, we hosted our popular annual Toss 'Em tourney at the Southern Indiana Sports Center. (Photos on our Facebook page)

UPCOMING GANG EVENTS:

Friday, March 11, 2022 - Bunco - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Eastern Heights Baptist Church, Jeffersonville

Friday, April 22, 2022 - Horseshoes Tournament and Pitchin Picnic - 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Community Park, New Albany

Left: Several Gang members made Valentine cards for our clients.

Right: These Gang members enjoyed a competitive game of euchre.





VOICE AND VINO AT THE CASINO UPDATE



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2022 Performers

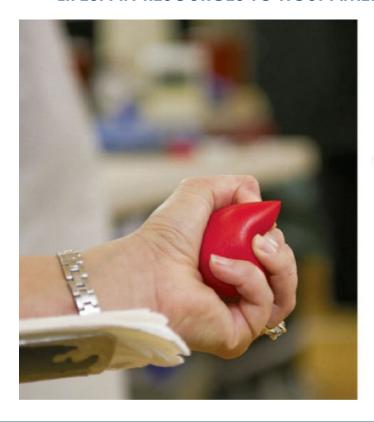
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For sponsorship information, contact Melissa Richardson, Dir. of Development at 812-206-7960 or email at mrichardson@lsr14.org.

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Tuesday, March 22, 2022 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Register online at redcrossblood.org

SENIOR GAMES: MONDAY, JUNE 6 - FRIDAY, JUNE 10

Senior Games 2022



Surfin' Seniors!

Aloha friends! Sail away with us on a tropical Hawaiian adventure full of competition, games and camaraderie! Senior Games includes events like Basketball Toss, Dance Off, Bowling, Mini-Golf, Horseshoes, Toss 'Em, Lap Walks, and more. Opening and Closing ceremonies feature a live band and DJ music, vendor fair, catered lunches, door prizes, and lots of awards. Check out the schedule below for locations and times.

All local adults age 55+ are eligible to participate in this fantastically fun week! The cost is only \$15 for the entire week and includes a t-shirt, lunches, snacks, door prizes, giveaways and

most importantly, medals! Registration will open in March. Also, it's also not too late to become a member of LifeSpan Resources' Senior Games Gang, a membership program for area adults age 55+. There are three different membership levels.

Each level of membership includes free registration for next year's Senior **Games** as well as a free t-shirt with the Senior Games Gang logo on the sleeve and access to special "Members Only" events, and a holiday community service project.

To register, visit our website at www.lsr14.org/senior-games/, or contact Director of Development, Melissa Richardson at 812-206-7960 or by email mrichardson@lsr14.org for a registration form.



SCHEDULF OF EVENTS

(Please note some new locations!)

MONDAY, JUNE 6 - New Albany Amphitheater

(shuttle rides available from YMCA parking lot)

- · Opening Ceremonies 9:00 9:15 am
- · Dance Contest 9:15 10:45 am
- · Lunch 11:00 am 12:00 pm
- · Bowling 1:00 4:00 pm (Blackiston Bowl, Clarksville)

TUESDAY, JUNE 7 - Charlestown Family Park

- · Miniature Golf/Lunch 8:00 am Noon
- · Basketball Toss 1:00 3:00 pm (Floyd Co. YMCA)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8 - Kevin Hammersmith Park

- · Toss 'Em/Lunch 9:00 am Noon
- Lap Walks 1:00—4:00 pm (Silver Street Park)

THURSDAY, JUNE 9 - Sam Peden Comm. Park

- · Horseshoes 9:00 11:00 am OR
- · Golf (9 holes) 7:30 11:00 am (Cherry Valley GC)
- · Lunch/Cards & Checkers Noon 3:00 pm (Westminster Village) Card Games: Euchre, Pinochle,

Checkers, Texas Hold 'Em

· Pickleball Exhibition (optional) 4:00 – 5:00 pm (TBD)

FRIDAY, JUNE 10 - Silver Heights Camp

- · Closing Ceremonies/Awards 9:00 11:30 am
- · Lunch/Vendor Fair 11:30 am 1:00 pm

Back Strain - Lift Correctly

Each part of the body is made to work a certain way and to work with specific other parts of the body. Certain parts are for certain activities and perform best when they are used the way they were intended. You have some control over making your individual parts work better and stronger. You also have control over whether or not you use them wisely. The proper use of your body is called body mechanics.

Body mechanics involves standing and moving one's body so as to prevent injury, avoid fatigue, and make the best use of strength. When you learn how to move, control and balance your own body, you can more easily and safely control and help or move another person. Back injuries among caregivers are common and many such injuries are preventable.

General Rules

The following hints will help you use proper body mechanics and be safe.

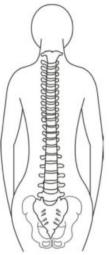
- Only lift as much as you can comfortably handle.
- → Always let the person you are helping know what you are going
- → To create a base of support, stand with your feet 8"-12" apart with one foot a half step ahead of the other.
- Bend your knees slightly.
- → Keep your spine in a neutral (normal arched, not stiff) position while lifting.

- USE YOUR LEGS instead of our back to do most of the work—leg muscles are stronger than back muscles.
- → If you can adjust the bed, keep the top at about waist level. If it is low or you are tall, put one foot on a footstool to relieve pressure on your lower back.

Preventing Back and Neck Pain

Back pain is one of the most common reasons people go to the doctor or miss work, and it is a leading cause of disability worldwide. To prevent injuries to yourself, get rest and maintain:

- Good nutrition and physical fitness.
- · Good body mechanics.
- A stress management program such as daily meditation.
- · A stretching routine before you lift.
- · A back strengthening exercise program.





LIFESPAN RESOURCES - CALL US FOR THE LATEST COVID VACCINE INFORMATION

The COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective, and continue to be highly effective against hospitalization and severe outcomes of COVID-19. The emergence of the omicron variant underscores the importance of getting vaccinated and getting a booster. If you have questions or are eligible to schedule your booster, let LifeSpan Resources help! For more information on the COVID vaccine, please call 812 -948-8330 and ask to speak to an Options Counselor.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

MARCH: WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Women's History celebrations started as a local, week-long event in California in 1978. This was to celebrate and recognize the contributions and achievements of women throughout American history. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued a Presidential Proclamation making the first week of March National Women's History Week. In 1982, Congress issues publications to recognize the first Women's History Week and over the next 5 years more publications would be issued. In 1987, the celebration would be extended to officially make the month of March, Women's History Month. Since 1995, every President has issued annual proclamations for Women's History Month. Each year, the National Women's History Alliance chooses a theme. The theme for 2022 is "Women: Providing Healing, Promoting Hope." With the COVID-19 pandemic wreaking havoc all around the world, this is the time to recognize women as healers and givers of hope. According to the Center for Economic and Policy Research, women make up 64.4% of frontline workers. Women of color and immigrants are also disproportionately represented in front-line industries.

Please make sure to recognize the contributions of the women in your life. A simple thank you goes a long way!



APRIL: ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



Arab-American Heritage began as sporadic celebrations in the 1990s to recognize the culture and contributions of Arab and Arabic-speaking Americans. In 2017, the Arab American Institute began an initiative to con-

solidate these celebrations and have a national recognition. On April 1, 2021, the U.S. Department of State issued a proclamation recognizing April as Arab-American Heritage month. There are many misconceptions about Arab-American culture. For example, many people believe that Arab-American people are all Muslims. In fact, only about 25% of Arab-Americans are Muslim, while 77% are Christian. There are currently 3.7 million Arab-American people in the United States.

Because of the misunderstandings of Arab-American culture and the rise in xenophobia, there are negative impacts on the lives of Arab-Americans, especially in education. Because of these issues, many students seeking degrees in counseling, psychology, and social work have not received proper counseling to assist in their pursuit of these fields. In honor of our Arab-American neighbors, spend some time in April exploring the culture, food, and history of these people.



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FUN FACTS ABOUT SPRING

- The first day of spring is called the vernal equinox. The term *vernal* is Latin for "spring" and *equinox* is Latin for "equal night."
- The fall and spring equinoxes are the only two times during the year when the sun rises due east and sets due west.
- On the first day of spring, a person at the North Pole would see the sun skimming across the horizon, beginning six months of uninterrupted daylight. A person at the South Pole would see the sun skimming across the horizon, signaling the start of six months of darkness.
- Spring usually arrives on March 19, 20 or 21. The reason the equinoxes and solstices don't always come on the same day is that Earth doesn't circle the sun in exactly 365 days.
- Easter always falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox.
- While the spring equinox typically occurs on March 20 or 21, meteorological spring beings on March 1, a month when average temperatures increase by 10 degrees over the month.
- In China, the coming of spring coincides with celebrations for the Chinese New Year. The holiday falls on the first day of the first lunar month, in January or February. Groundhog day has its roots in theancient seasonal festival.
- For the Japanese, the opening of the cherry blossom, Japan's national flower, in March or April signals the start of spring.



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LIFESPAN RESOURCES 2022 SAVE THE DATES

Date	Event	Location	Time
MARCH	Women's History Month, National Nutrition Month	Nut Awareness: March 14-18 at LSR Congregate Centers	10:30 a.m.—Noon
Friday, March 11	Senior Games Gang: Bunco	Eastern Heights Baptist Church, Jeffersonville	10:00 a.m 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 17	St. Patrick's Day	Wear your green!	
Tuesday, March 22	Blood Drive	Floyd Co. YMCA	9:00 a.m.—1 p.m.
Thursday, March 31	50th Anniversary Celebration of the OAA Sr Nut. Program	Come eat lunch at a Congregate Nutrition Site!	
APRIL	Volunteer Month, Arab American Heritage Month	Consider volunteering with LifeSpan Resources!	
Friday, April 1	April Fool's Day	Play a joke on someone!	
Friday, April 15	Good Friday	LSR Offices will be Closed	
Sunday, April 17	Easter	Hide some Easter Eggs!	
Friday, April 22	Senior Games Gang: Horseshoes Tourney	Sam Peden Community Park, New Albany	9:30 a.m 1:00 p.m.











DIY GARDENING FUN

Do-It-Yourself Shoe Rack Planter

Are you a crafter who loves everything DIY? Or, perhaps you're a frustrated gardener living in an apartment with little outdoor space? This idea is perfect for either of you: gardening with vertical planters or vertical gardening with shoe organizers! This is a great low-cost, space-saving alternative.

Supplies:

- · Cloth Shoe Rack
- Pebbles
- Soil
- Orange Peel
- Seeds

Hang the shoe rack outdoors. Add pebbles in the bottom of each pocket then fill with potting soil. Insert seeds into half of an orange peel, then bury partially in the soil. Water and watch your plants bloom all spring long! This would be a great option for an herb garden.







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