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**March 2020** 

# Spring is just around the corner...



Peruse these pages to see some exciting upcoming programs and events!

## **Caregiver Burnout**

The demands of caregiving can be exhausting and overwhelming – especially if you feel that you're in over your head or have little control over the situation. But there are steps you can take to rein in stress and regain a sense of balance, joy and hope in your life.

#### What is caregiver burnout?

While caring for a loved one can be very rewarding, it also involves many stressors. And since caregiving is often a long term challenge, the emotional impact can snowball over time. You may face years or even decades of caregiving responsibilities. It can be particularly disheartening when there's no hope that your family member will get better or if, despite your best efforts, their condition is gradually deteriorating.

If the stress of caregiving is left unchecked, it can take a toll on your health, relationships, and state of mind—eventually leading to burnout, a state of emotional, mental, and physical exhaustion. And when you get to that point, both you and the person you're caring for suffer.

That's why taking care of yourself isn't a luxury, it's a necessity. Cultivating your own emotional and physical well-being is just as important as making sure your family member gets to their doctor's appointment or takes their medication on time.

#### Signs and symptoms of caregiver burnout

Learning to recognize the signs of caregiver burnout is important, so you can take immediate action to prevent things from becoming worse and start improving the situation for both you and the person you're caring for.

#### Common Signs & Symptoms of caregiver burnout:

- You have much less energy than you once had
- It seems like you catch every cold or bout of flu that's going around
- You're constantly exhausted, even after sleeping or taking a break
- You neglect your own needs, either because you're too busy or you don't care anymore
- Your life revolves around caregiving, but it gives you little satisfaction
- You have trouble relaxing, even when help is available
- You're increasingly impatient and irritable with the person you're caring for
- You feel helpless and hopeless

While caring for a loved one will never be stress-free, here are some tips to help you lighten your load.

# CAREGIVER BURNOUT

#### 01 TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

Long-term stress of any kind can lead to serious health problems. Try to stay active for 30 minutes every day, rest for 7-8 hours each night, and be mindful of your emotional wellbeing,

#### **02 KEEP A JOURNAL**

Write down what you are most grateful for and other positive thoughts to help motivate you through difficult times.





#### 03 ASK FOR HELP

You don't have to go through this alone. Always be willing to express your feelings, ask for advice and say "yes!" when people offer to help.

#### 04 HAVE FUN

Go for a walk, visit museums, watch your favourite show, play board games or anything that will make your time more relaxing.





#### **05 VALUE YOUR WORK**

Stay organized by making to-do lists and setting a routine to help you cope with the stress of caregiving. Focus on what you can control and value your work and effort.

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https://www.helpguide.org/articles/stress/caregiver-stress-and-burnout.htm

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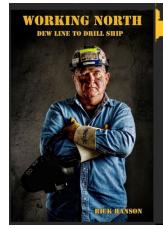
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### **Upcoming Events & Riddle**



Every Thursday from 5 to 7:30 pm (Draw Time) Last \$2 tickets sold at 7:15pm At the Headingley Motor Inn



# Thursday, April 23 6:30-8:00 pm

EVERYONE WELCOME!

www.headingleylibrary.ca 204-888-5410 hml@headingleylibrary.ca ADVANCE CARE PLANNING

> Presented by; Brigitte Remillard from Southern Health-Santé Sud Tuesday March 17, noon—2:30 Headingley Community Centre

You never know when you may face an unexpected event or illness that may impact your ability to make your health care decisions known. Important and informative—this Advance Care Planning session will also cover Health Care Directions and how to choose a Health Care Proxy. Please note this presentation will be approximately an hour and a half.

Part of the Lunch & Learn series, space is limited register by calling Kristie at (204) 889-3132 ext. 3

Keep an eye an your mailbox for:

Check out our Headingley Library at: 49 Alboro Street Phone: (204) 888-5410 <u>www.headingleylibrary.ca</u>



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What is never used until it's broken? Answer on page 4 Spring 2020 Program & Community Resource Guide

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### **Upcoming Events**





Be sure to register with Kristie @ 889-3132 ext. 3

# On March 8th,







# **Upcoming Lunches**

Tuesday March 3: Noon—2:00pm Lunch & Games

Tuesday March 17: Noon-2:30

Lunch & Learn—Advance Care Planning

\*Please be advised that advance registration is required for these events by calling (204) 889-3132 ext. 3\*

Canasta March 11 & 25 St. Charles Headingley United Church 1:00-3:00 pm



## **Office Hours:**

Monday:	9:00am - noon
Tuesday:	9:00 am-noon & 1pm -4pm
Wednesday:	9:00am – noon
Thursday:	9:00 am–noon & 1pm–4pm

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