

# GREEN OAKS



## American Heart Month: Know the ABCS of Heart Health

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The month of February is a time to honor the achievements of Black Americans in U.S. history. Since its first observance in 1970 at Kent State University, Black History Month (also known as African American History Month) has evolved into a country-wide celebration.

*Did you know...*

The first Black American to win the Academy Award in 1963 for Best Actor was Sidney Poitier.

Lonnie G. Johnson, American inventor and aerospace engineer, invented the Super Soaker, the iconic water toy in 1989.

Beyoncé holds the record for the most Grammy wins by a female artist, with 35 awards as of 2025, solidifying her status as a music icon.



Every year, Americans suffer more than 1.5 million heart attacks and strokes. The good news is that you can help reduce your risk and improve your heart health by following the ABCS:



**A:** Ask your health care professional if aspirin can reduce your risk

of having a heart attack or stroke. Be sure to tell your health care professional if you have a family history of heart disease or stroke.



**B:** Control your blood pressure.

Blood pressure measures the force of blood pushing against the walls of the arteries. High blood pressure increases your risk for heart attack or stroke more than any other risk factor. Find out what your blood pressure numbers are and work with your health care professional to lower it.



**C:** Manage your cholesterol. Cholesterol is a waxy substance

produced by the liver and found in certain foods. Your body needs cholesterol, but when you have too much, it can build up in your arteries and cause heart disease. There are different types of cholesterol: One type is "good" and can protect you from heart disease, but another type is "bad" and can increase your risk. Talk to your health care professional about cholesterol and how to lower your bad cholesterol if it's too high.



**S:** Don't smoke.

Smoking raises your blood pressure, which increases your risk for heart attack and stroke. If you smoke, quit. Talk with your health care professional about ways to help you stick with your decision. It's never too late to quit. Visit [smokefree.gov](http://smokefree.gov) or call 1-800-QUIT-NOW today.

Source: [millionhearts.hhs.gov](http://millionhearts.hhs.gov)

# Valentine Heart Message Painting

## Supplies:

- 2 sheets white cardstock paper (or 1 canvas and 1 sheet of paper)
- Red and pink paint
- Paint brush
- Scissors
- Tape

## Directions:

First cut out a heart shape that will fit in the center of your other sheet of paper. Helpful hint: fold the paper in half, draw half a heart and then cut out the shape.

Use a piece of tape to lightly tape it the center of your other piece of paper.

Use dots of paint to color the area around your heart shape. Put more dots in the center and space them out towards the edges.

When paint is dry, peel your taped heart off. Paint or write a message in the center:

Love | Be Mine | R U My  
Valentine? | I ♥ U



# Heart-Healthy Living Tips



Staying heart-healthy is a lifestyle, supported by healthy habits and the encouragement of loved ones. These habits can help prevent heart disease, maintain normal blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar, and reduce the risk of heart attacks.

## THIS AMERICAN HEART MONTH, SHARE THESE TIPS WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY:

**Eat Healthy:** Focus on fresh fruits and vegetables, limit processed foods, and avoid foods high in saturated and trans fats. Choose foods high in fiber to help lower cholesterol and limit salt to lower blood pressure. Also, reduce sugar intake to manage blood sugar levels, and limit or avoid alcohol.

**Maintain a Healthy Weight:** Carrying excess weight adds stress on the heart and increases the risk of heart disease.

**Stay Active:** Aim for at least 2 hours and 30 minutes of moderate exercise per week (e.g., brisk walking or biking). Children should get 1 hour of activity daily.

**Get Enough Sleep:** Regular, quality sleep (7-8 hours) supports heart and blood vessel health. Lack of sleep is linked to higher risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, and stroke.

Consult your physician or dietitian before making any changes to your daily routine, exercise, or diet to know what is right for you.



## RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY: FEBRUARY 17

What small act could you do today to brighten someone else's day? While money can be earned and gifts can be bought, time is priceless. Here are a few Random Acts of Kindness that can make a difference:

- **Share a smile.** It's simple but can brighten anyone's day.
- **Show appreciation.** Call, text, or meet a friend to let them know how much they mean to you.
- **Donate food or household items.** Contact a local shelter and find out what items they need and make a donation, if you are able to do so.
- **Volunteer regularly.** Spend time once a week helping at local shelter or community center.
- **Send flowers or a plant.** Brighten someone's space by sending them a bouquet or potted plant.
- **Donate blankets or pillows.** Help animals in need by donating gently used items.

- **Volunteer at a nursing home.** Share your skills: play music, be a companion, or help with crafts.
- **Write letters or make cards.** Brighten someone's day by sending a personal note.
- **Share a meal.** Invite a friend for a simple lunch or bring food to share with others.
- **Offer a helping hand.** Assist a neighbor with carrying groceries or run an errand for them.
- **Give compliments freely.** Offer genuine compliments to people around you to make them feel good.
- **Read to someone.** Spend time reading a book or article aloud to someone who might appreciate it.

These small acts can not only make someone's day but also bring joy and fulfillment to you. Take today to make a change in someone's world—and yours. A few seconds of kindness can mean the world to someone. **Be kind!**

## Welcome New Staff

**Jasmyn Garrett**  
Life Enrichment Director

"I'm excited to be a part of the Green Oaks team and looking forward to getting to know the residents! I've been in healthcare for 17 years before becoming a nationally certified Activity Director in 2025. In my free time I enjoy living life with my husband and kids. I'm enthusiastic about providing a meaningful and fun life enrichment program."

**Geroge Rodriguez**  
Maintenance Director

"I am super excited to be working at Green Oaks. I have been in maintenance for 6 years now. On my days off I spend time with my family and friends."

## SPECIAL EVENTS



Superbowl Watch Party  
February 8th



Sweethearts Day Social  
February 14th



Black History  
Appreciation Activities  
All Month





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CONCIERGE



**WORD SEARCH** Find and circle the 15 words listed below. Find words straight across, up and down, and diagonally. All words are forwards reading only. No backwards. Good luck!

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### WORD LIST

COUPLES  
EMBROIDERY  
EXERCISE  
HEALTH  
HEART  
HISTORY  
KINDNESS  
LIFESTYLE  
LOVE  
MATCH  
NEEDLEWORK  
PINK  
RED  
RISK  
VALENTINE