



FAMILY SPIRIT

DAY PROGRAM CALENDAR AND MENU / **MARCH 2024**

Cognitive Stimulation Therapy Is Here! Spread the Word!

We have a new offering! For those recently diagnosed with mild cognitive impairment (MCI), Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (CST) is an evidence-based treatment shown to significantly help those who aren't quite ready for our Day Program with their memory, language and orientation abilities.



Our Participant Program Director Emile Unverzagt is leading the way with this

small group program that meets for an hour twice weekly for eight weeks and aims to engage participants in small group sessions of five to eight people. Each session follows a general theme, typically centered on current events that cater to the group's interests.

"Each of us loves having one hour of time to be normal and have support. The best part is the laughing!"

- Pam G., CST Participant's Caregiver

"We have a lot of fun in these sessions, which are highly social," says Emile. "It's a positive, accepting atmosphere where opinions rather

- Pat J., CST Participant Caregiver

"It's like PT for the mind."

than facts are shared and new ideas, thoughts and associations are discussed."

Everyone in each group is experiencing cognition challenges of some sort. Some may struggle with memory and others may have trouble finding words or organizing their thoughts. Our CST sessions are common ground for building friendships, encouragement and learning.

An additional plus to the CST program is that participants' family caregivers also have a chance to bond while their loved ones are in session. Over coffee and cookies caregivers are able to connect with each other and are reminded they are not alone in the challenges they face.

Space is limited for the next CST group that begins March 19 on campus. Based on the positive response, planning

© 2024 AMAZING PLACE, Helping Families with the Challenges of Dementia and Alzheimer's • AmazingPlaceHouston.org • 713-552-0420

"They enjoy coming. They've become friends just like we have." — Robert K., **CST Participant's Caregiver**

has begun for additional in-person sessions. We also are optimistic that in the future we will be able to offer CST virtually as well in Spanish. If you know someone who has been recently diagnosed, please have them reach out to either Emile Unverzagt at eunverzagt@amazingplacehouston. org or Carol Cooper at ccooper@amazingplacehouston.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AMAZING PLACE. MARCI MIARCI MIARCI	1 2024			7:30 AM Coffee Social 9:35 AM Men's Group 10:20 AM Famous March Birthdays 11:30 AM "Sum" Punny March Humor 2:15 PM Faithful Paws - Dog Show 2:45 PM Refreshments 4:00 PM Peace Corps Day
8:00 AM Puzzling Matters 9:35 AM Visual Spatial Games 10:00 AM Houston Symphony Performs 11:00 AM Weighty Workout 11:30 AM Flower Arranging 1:00 PM Billards 2:15 PM "A Few of My Favorite Things" 4:00 PM Tea Time	7:30 AM Puzzling Matters 9:35 AM Proof Reading Challenge 10:30 AM Musical Performance by the Houston Junior League 11:00 AM Working with Weights 2:15 PM Scattergories 3:15 PM Laughter Yoga 4:00 PM Irish Hits Sing-along	9:35 AM 50's & 60's Sing-along 10:45 AM Depart to St. Anne Catholic School (all participants) 11:30 AM Sing-along w/ St. Anne's School Choir 12:00 PM Luncheon at St. Anne's 1:15 PM Return to Amazing Place 2:30 PM "Remember the Alamo"	8:00 AM Word Games 9:35 AM Off on a Tangent: Math Riddles 10:20 AM Loaded Questions 11:30 AM Who am I? 2:15 PM Lucky 7 BINGO 2:55 PM How Do You Eat an Oreo? 4:00 PM Junk Drawer Detective	8:00 AM Coffee Chat 9:35 AM Mind Matters 10:20 AM Unique Traditions of Hinduism 11:00 AM 30 Seconds Dance Party 1:00 PM Rummikub 2:15 PM International Women's Day 4:30 PM Bananagrams
7:30 AM Waking Up w/ Friends 9:35 AM Spot the Difference 10:20 AM Flower Arranging 11:00 AM Stretch & Strengthen 11:30 AM Ramadan – True or False? 2:15 PM Oscar Winning Movie Moments 4:30 PM Scrabble	8:00 AM Morning Funnies 9:35 AM Family Feud – "Survey Says" 10:20 AM Painting Class 11:30 AM Wordscapes 2:15 PM Alfred Hitchcock Day 2:45 PM Refreshments	9:00 AM Morning Introduction 9:35 AM Where on Earth Is? 11:00 AM Total Body Workout 11:30 AM Rick Steves' Travel 1:00 PM Leisure Hour 2:15 PM K-9 Veteran's Day 4:30 PM Participants' Choice	8:00 AM Current Events 9:35 AM Men's Coffee Chat 10:20 AM What Am I? 11:30 AM New Participant Consortium 2:15 PM Participant Council 2:45 PM Snack & Chat 4:30 PM "Little Big Shots"	7:30 AM Word Searching 9:35 AM Men's Coffee Chat 10:20 AM Fun w/ Limericks 11:30 AM Physical Brain Games 1:00 PM Bible Study 2:15 PM We're All Irish on St. Patrick's Day 4:30 PM Xbox Bowling
7:30 AM Browsing Reminisce Magazine 9:35 AM Wordy Gurdy 10:20 AM Flower Arranging 11:00 AM Morning Stretch 1:00 PM King of One Liners 2:15 PM Pillsbury's Doughboy – Samples Included 4:00PM School Daze Reminiscing	8:00 AM Welcome to Spring 9:35 AM Analogy Challenge 10:00 AM "Bunny Hop" Carnival sponsored by St. Martin's 1:00 PM Dominoes 2:15 PM America's National Parks 3:15 PM Laughter Yoga	8:00 AM Horoscope Fun 9:35 AM Cranium Crunches 10:20 AM Art Class 11:00 AM Light Weight Workout 11:30 AM Rick Steves' Travel 2:15 PM Armchair Travels: New Jersey 4:30 PM 30 Seconds Dance Party	8:00 AM Puzzling Matters 9:35 AM Mind Matters 10:20 AM You Be the Judge 11:30 AM Word Spector 1:00 PM Rummikub 2:15 PM March Birthday Celebration 4:00 PM Funny Teacher Stories from Reader's Digest	8:00 AM Advice Column 9:35 AM Visual Spatial Challenges 10:20 AM Astrology Chat 11:30 AM Jewlery Craft 1:00 PM Bridge Club 2:15 PM Name That Tune 4:00 PM Jeopardy
8:00 AM March Word Search 9:35 AM Human Blinko Catch 10:20 AM Readers Theater 11:30 AM Word Mining 2:15 PM Holi 3:00 PM Refreshments 4:00 PM Puzzle Society Challenge	10:20 AM Game of Things 11:00 AM Stretch & Balance Exercises 11:00 AM Jokes & Riddles 1:00 PM 8-Ball 2:15 PM Who Am I? 4:00 PM Patio Chat	9:35 AM March Musician Bracket 10:20 AM Putt-putt Fun 11:30 AM Participants' Choice 1:00 PM Leisure Hour 2:15 PM Team Table Puzzle 4:00 PM TED Talk by "master procrastinator" Tim Urban 4:30 PM Tea Time	9:35 AM NYT Connections Puzzle 10:20 AM Malarkey - The Bluffing Game 11:30 AM Star of the Month – Rex Harrison 2:15 PM Sharing Life Stories 4:00 PM Quirky Country Song Titles 4:30 PM Sequence Board Game	CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY

DAILY PROGRAM SCHEDULE*

7:30 Coffee & juice served; Individualized options range from worksheets to reading the paper

9:00 Introduction to the day's schedule

10:00 Assorted programs ranging from art to cognitive exercises

11:00 Mild physical exercise

11:30 Entertainment & educational programming

Noon Lunch

1:00 Bible study & alternate programs

2:15 Group presentations

2:45 Afternoon refreshments

3:30 Stretching and/or meditation

4:00 Reminiscing

5:00 Participant choice programming

* Schedule may change for special events and programs may be adjusted to meet the needs of participants.

Our curriculum incorporates elements of the creative and cultural arts, enriched social activities, civic service, fitness, compensatory cognitive interventions, and spirituality.

For more information, contact: Emile Unverzagt, MA, AD/TXC Participant Program Director **713.552.0420**

or eunverzagt@ amazingplacehouston.org

