



# FAMILY SPIRIT

DAY PROGRAM CALENDAR AND MENU / JANUARY 2025

## 2025 Is A Time To Rethink Caregiving Skills

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exercise. No can do this!"

The New Year is an opportunity to rethink how we can better our lives while caring for those around us. Signing up for one or more of Amazing Place's many Caregiver programs is a great place to start! Our Caregiver Education offerings are an incredible

resource to help you through every stage of the disease, not just when caring for someone with mild to moderate dementia.

Savvy Caregiver® and Savvy Express are our licensed, evidencebased programs for caregiving families and friends. Additionally, our

Caregiver Programs Director Sharon Cantrell, MS, scantrell@amazingplacehouston.org, has created two additional free offerings, Caregivers Connect! and Caregivers Plus. For those looking for a less formal gathering on a single topic, Caregivers Connect! is an opportunity to share strategies, learn new tips and make new friends with peers. Caregivers Plus is designed for those who may be facing new challenges as dementia progresses.

"We are with you every step of the way and always looking for meaningful ways to support our caregivers," says Sharon. "Our Day Program families are our best advocates, so if you know of a dementia caregiver in our community who needs help, please tell them to call us." Our Care Navigation Specialist Lauren Bradley, LCSW (lbradley@ amazingplacehouston.org) is happy to help and available to the community at large.

We also want to remind Day Program families that next step advice is as easy as reaching out to our own Family Services Director Arlene Schollaert, MS, LCSW, aschollaert@amazingplacehouston.org, and that Support Groups in collaboration with the

> Alzheimer's Association are a valuable resource we provide monthly both in English and Spanish.

> Inside you'll find a full listing of our upcoming classes. In signing up for a session, caregivers are caring for themselves and those they love in powerful ways.



**Staff Spotlight:** Arlene Schollaert, LCSW **Family Services Director** 

Time at AP: 6 years Favorite part of the job:

Working with caregivers to explore their inner strengths and the capacity that empowers them to

care for their loved ones.

#### **Personal Hobbies:**

Swimming, running (slowly), spending time with family and travel.

#### **Favorite Quote:**

My Dad always said (especially when I doubted myself) "You can do anything if you put your mind to it."

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
PLACE.	RY 2025	CLOSED FOR	9:35 AM Wordscapes 10:20 AM Password 11:30 AM Amazing Sports Records	7:30 AM Current Events 9:35 AM Linking Words Brain Buster 10:20 AM MadLibs
	2025	NEW YEAR'S DAY	1:00 PM Bridge Club 2:15 PM Monarch Migration 3:20 PM Stretch & Meditate 4:30 PM Participants' Choice	11:30 AM World Wildlife  2:15 PM Dog Show by Faithful Paws!  3:20 PM Stretch Away Stress  4:00 PM Clichés
8:00 AM January Word Search 9:35 AM Mind Matters - Wordles & Connections 10:20 AM Flower Arranging 11:00 AM Tai Chi	9:35 AM Double Meaning Brain Buster 10:20 AM Times We Treasure 11:30 AM Sing Along	7:30 AM Houston News 9:35 AM You Be the Judge 10:20 AM Tongue Twisters 11:00 AM Rhythmic Exercise	7:30 AM Morning Coffee Chat 9:35 AM Encyclopedia Challenge 10:20 AM Loaded Questions 11:30 AM Rockin' the Jukebox	7:30 AM Coffee Chat 9:35 AM Puzzle Society Games 10:20 AM Sharing Adventures 11:30 AM Peter Pan & Staying Young
11:30 AM New Tech for Seniors  2:15 PM MoMA - Art Appreciation 4:00 PM Inspirational Short Stories	1:00 PM Bible Study 2:15 PM America's National Parks 3:20 PM Laughter Yoga 4:00 PM Would You Rather?	1:00 PM Leisure Hour 2:15 PM Who Am I? 4:30 PM Left, Right, Center (Dice Game)	2:15 PM "Dear Abby" Day 3:20 PM Stretch & Meditate 4:30 PM Over or Under	2:15 PM The Grand Canyon 4:00 PM The Game of Things 4:30 PM Participants' Choice
9:00 AM Morning Introduction 9:35 AM Acronyms 10:20 AM Early Morning Workout 11:00 AM Houston Symphony Concert 11:30 AM Our First Jobs	7:30 AM Puzzling Matters 9:35 AM Word Scrambles 10:20 AM 50 Fun Things to do in Winter 11:30 AM Rick Steves Euro Travel	7:30 AM Coffee Chat 9:35 AM Bird Tales 10:20 AM Life Stories	9:35 AM Cranium Crunches 10:20 AM TimeSlips 11:30 AM Ted Talks  1:00 PM Bible Study	9:35 AM Men's Group 10:20 AM Spot the Difference 11:00 AM Friday Stretch 11:30 AM Paul Cézanne
2:15 PM Johnny Cash @ Folsom Prison 3:20 PM Frisbee Fun 4:00 PM Pet Chat		1:00 PM Dominoes 2:15 PM Wacky Winter Fashion 3:20 PM Balloon Volleyball 4:00 PM Advice Column Critique	2:15 PM Name That Tune 3:20 PM Wheel of Fortune 4:00 PM Encyclopedic Knowledge 4:30 PM Participants' Choice	2:15 PM Life & Times of Benjamin Franklin 2:45 PM BINGO 4:00 PM Random Houston History
CLOSED FOR	8:00 AM Sports Chat 9:35 AM What's Wrong with This Picture? 11:00 AM Balance Training	7:30 AM Puzzling Matters 9:35 AM Winter Time Charades 10:20 AM Celebration of Life Day 11:30 AM Wordscapes	7:30 AM Coffee & Puzzles 9:35 AM Wordles & Connections 10:20 AM Watercolor Painting 11:00 AM Rhythmic Workout	9:00 AM This Day in History 9:35 AM Word Associations 10:20 AM Life Stories 11:30 AM Sing Along
MLK HOLIDAY	2:15 PM Rock & Roll Hall of Fame 2:45 PM Refreshments & BINGO 4:00 PM Jeopardy 4:30 PM Skip-bo	1:00 PM Rummikube 2:15 PM Participant Council 4:30 PM Tea Time	1:00 PM Leisure Hour 2:15 PM Scattergories 4:00 PM Stretch & Meditate	2:15 PM About Australia 4:00 PM Mad Libs
8:00 AM Houston News 9:35 AM Cranium Crunches 10:20 AM Diving Into National Geographic	9:35 AM Encyclopedic Knowledge 10:20 AM Loaded Questions 11:00 AM Light Weight Workout 11:30 AM MoMA – Art Appreciation	7:30 AM Coffee Chat 9:35 AM Mind Matters 10:20 AM Nature is Amazing 11:30 AM Poetry Appreciation	9:35 AM Wordy Gurdy 10:20 AM Painting Class 11:00 AM Rhythmic Exercise 11:30 AM Participants' Choice	8:00 AM Early Bird Preppers 9:00 AM Morning Introduction 9:35 AM Mind Matters 10:20 AM Jewelry Making 11:30 AM Jokes & Riddles
11:00 AM Houston Symphony Concert 1:00 PM Bible Study 2:15 PM Cowboy Poetry 4:00 PM Alice in Wonderland Trivia	1:00 PM Bible Study 2:15 PM Name That Tune 4:00 PM Places We've Been	1:00 PM Dominoes 2:15 PM January Birthday Celebration 3:20 PM Kinect Bowling	1:00 PM Bible Study 2:15 PM The Life & Music of Patsy Cline 4:00 PM Current Events	2:15 PM Japanese History 3:00 PM Refreshments
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### AILY PROGRAM SCHEDULE\*

- 7:30 Coffee & juice served; Individualized options range from worksheets to reading the paper 2:00 Introduction to the day's schedule 2:00 Assorted programs ranging from art to cognitive exercises 1:00 Mild physical exercise 1:30 Entertainment & educational
- programming oon Lunch
- 1:00 Bible study & alternate programs
- **2:15** Group presentations
- 2:45 Afternoon refreshments 3:30 Stretching and/or
- meditation
- 1:00 Reminiscing
- 5:00 Participant choice programming
- Schedule may change for pecial events and programs nay be adjusted to meet the eeds of participants.

Our curriculum incorporates lements of the creative and ultural arts, enriched social ctivities, civic service, fitness, ompensatory cognitive nterventions, and spirituality.

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