

### 24/7 HOTLINE: 215-985-3333

# HOLIDAY RESOURCE GUIDE





to not be okay



## A NOTE FROM THE CLINICAL DIRECTOR

Season's Greetings,

My name is Christine and I oversee the Direct Services at WOAR. I am excited to present this holiday resource guide to you. This guide was created by the dedicated Direct Service team for clients and survivors to utilize during this holiday season. We hope that you can engage with these activities to pour into yourself during a season where our energy can be easily drained. It was important for us to provide a tangible resource for use while WOAR takes a much deserved break. Our offices will be closed from Monday, December 23rd through Wednesday, January 1st, and reopening on Thursday, January 2nd. All regularly scheduled meetings will resume in January. That said, our crisis services never take a holiday. Our 24/7 hotline will be running as usual. If you or someone you know experiences sexual violence during this break and would like an advocate to accompany you for a forensic rape exam, we are only a phone call away. Our hotline, 215–985–3333, will be staffed and able to send an advocate to support you if needed.

Remember to engage with this resource as a way to continue your healing, and call our hotline for additional support if needed. We look forward to seeing you again in the new year, refreshed and ready to continue our work to end sexual violence.

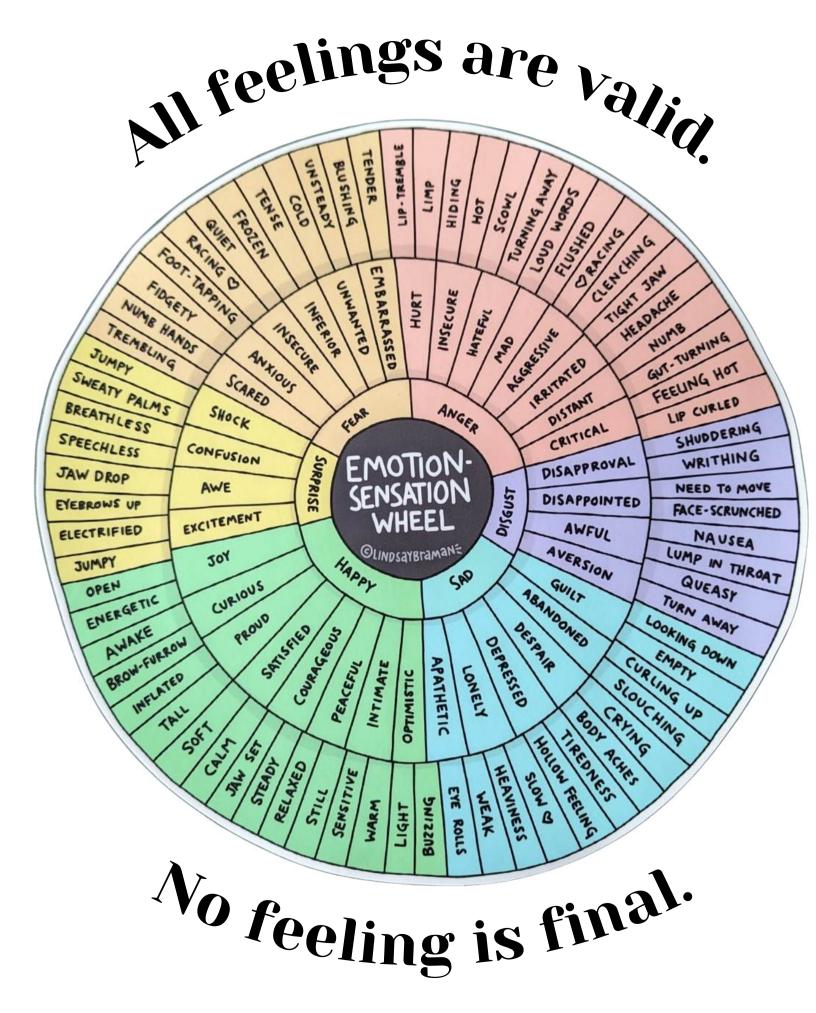
Wishing you the best,

Christine Kannegiser, MA, LPC | Clinical Director

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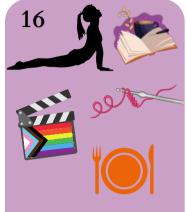


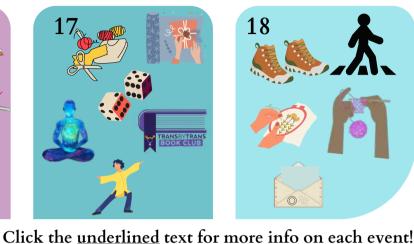






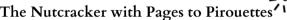












Dec. 15th @ 2PM at Parkway Central Library 1901 Vine Street



Nutrition Program: Stretching My Dollars with Beans and Healthy Beverages

Dec. 16th @ 1PM at David Cohen Ogontz Library 6017 Ogontz Avenue



### Queer Film Club

Dec. 16th @ 5PM at Fishtown Community Library 1217 East Montgomery Avenue



### Monday Poets: Jeffrey Ethan Lee and Cydney Brown

Dec. 16th @ 5:30PM at Northeast Regional Library 2228 Cottman Avenue



### Crocheting

(all levels welcome, supplies provided) Mondays @ 4PM at McPherson Square Library 601 East Indiana Avenue



Mondays @ 5:30PM at <u>Richmond Library</u> 2987 Almond Street



### Crafternoon + Adult Arts & Crafts

Dec. 17th @ 1PM at Fox Chase Library or @ 5:45PM at South Philadelphia Library



Make Your Own Wrapping Paper Dec. 17th @ 4PM at Richmond Library 2987 Almond Street



### Mindfulness Meditation

Dec. 17th @ 4:30PM at Parkway Central Library 1901 Vine Street



### Trans by Trans Book club

Dec. 17th @ 6PM hosted virtually by The Free Library of Philadelphia



### Community Game Night

Dec. 17th @ 5:30PM at Falls of Schuylkill Library 3501 Midvale Avenue



### Sunrise Fitness Hikes

Dec. 18th @7AM at Pennypack Env. Center 8600A Verree Rd.



### Tai Chi

Tuesdays @10 AM at FDR Park 1954 Pattison Ave



### Walking Wednesdays

Wednesdays @ 10:15AM at Whitman Library 200 Snyder Avenue



### **Beginners Crochet Class**

Wednesdays @ 1PM at Nicetown-Tioga Library 3720 North Broad Street



### Sew What?! (social sewing with available sewing machines)

Wednesdays @ 2PM at Parkway Central Library 1901 Vine Street



### Writing Wednesdays: Snail Mail Letters

Wednesdays @ 2PM at Welsh Road Library 9233 Roosevelt Boulevard

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Adult Gel Coloring

Dec. 19th @ 12:15PM at <u>Fox Chase Library</u> 501 Rhawn Street



### Headshots at the BRIC

Dec. 19th @ 1PM at <u>Parkway Central Library</u> 1901 Vine Street



#### Yoga

Thursdays @ 3:30PM at Whitman Library 200 Snyder Avenue



### Comix Club (create your own or read others)

Dec. 19th@ 5:30PM at <u>Parkway Central Library</u>
1901 Vine Street



### Garden Club

Dec. 19th@ 4PM at <u>Pennypack Env. Center</u> 8600A Verree Rd.



### Spirit Hour Meditation Circle

Dec. 20th @ 12PM virtual hosted by <u>Stephanie</u> Elizabeth



### Movement Mornings: weekly chair yoga

Fridays @ 10:10AM at <u>Fox Chase Library</u> 501 Rhawn Street



### Mindful Yoga Basics

Fridays @ 3PM at <u>Fumo Family Library</u> 2437 South Broad Street



### Virtual Sound Healing

Saturdays @ 7PM hosted by Talktime



### Procrastinator's Market

Dec. 21-22 @ 11AM-4PM at <u>Independence</u> <u>Visitor's Center</u> 599 Market Street



### Virtual Art Therapy Event

Dec.21st @ 1PM virtual hosted by SHE Will



### Art & Creativity drawing session

Dec.22nd @7PM virtual hosted by Keep Your Marbles



### Electrical Spectacle: <u>Franklin Sq.</u>

Nightly 5-9PM at 200 N 6th Street



### Kwanzaa Celebration for all ages

Dec. 27-28 @ 12PM-3PM at Parkway Central Library 1901 Vine Street



#### Crochet Club

Dec. 27th @ 11AM at Northeast Regional Library

2228 Cottman Avenue



### Virtual New Year Intention Setting Workshop

Dec. 29th @4:30PM virtual with Erin Bagwell



#### Horror Book Club

Dec. 30th @ 6PM at <u>Richmond Library</u> 2987 Almond Street

## Basic Needs Check

During the holidays, it can be hard to remember to slow down and check-in with ourselves. Our most basic needs can be neglected and cause feelings of irritability, low energy, pessimism, achiness, and discomfort.

Consider the following categories as often as you can.

Hours slept?		What emotions do I feel?	
When	did I		
Last eat?	hrs. ago	Where do I feel it in my	
Last drink?	mins. ago	body?	
Energy Level			

Sometimes we can be overstimulated too and have a hard time recognizing it. Scan each of the five senses for what may be causing discomfort.

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Sensation		CO -		
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Taste				or



## **Mini Self-Care Assessment**



## How to Complete the Assessment



Take a few moments to find a quiet space to assess each area of wellness using the following criteria:

- 3 I do this frequently
- 2 I do this occasionally
- 1 I do this rarely
- 0 I never do this
- ? I never thought about this area of self-care

# Why do we need to assess our self-care?

The first step of creating sustainable wellness practices is taking a moment to have a quick check-in with ourselves.

The following miniassessment will help us to identify areas where our current wellness practices are working well and identify areas that may no longer be serving us.



Body
Wear Clothes that Make Me Feel Good About Myself
Eat Regularly (eg. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner)
Get a Full Night Sleep
Access Preventative Medical Care
Engage in Physical Activities that Spark Joy
Mind
Engage in Activities that Comfort Me Regularly
Recognize My Own Strengths and Achievements
Attend to Minimizing Stress in My Life
Engage My Intelligence in a New Area (eg. a new hobby)
Cultivating Joy
Soul
Taking Time for Self-Reflection
Identify and Prioritize Things that Give Meaning in My Life
Spend Time in Nature or Spaces that Bring Calmness
Take Time for Activities that Spark Inspiration
Practice Self-Compassion
Social
Take Time to Talk with a Trusted Support Network
Spend Time with Friends and Families
Ask for Help from Loved Ones When I Need It
Stay in Contact with People Most Important in My Life
Only Engage in Social Activities As they Serve Me
Professional
Take Daily Scheduled Wellness Breaks
Arrange My Workspace so it is Comforting & Comfortable
Honor Work/Life Boundaries (eg. Check Email Only During Work Hours)
Take Meaningful Time Off from Work to Replenish
Create and Utilize Wellness Plans

# Guided Meditations

The practice of focusing attention actually creates physical, chemical, and electrical changes in the brain and body that lead to significant improvements in our wellbeing.



20min Kristen Neff's Loving Kindness Meditation: link



20min Generation Calm's Body Scan Meditation: link



25 15min Mindful Walking by Wildwood Mindfulness: link



10min. Safe Place Meditation from Teresa Lewis: link



10min. Manoj Dias's Self-Love Meditation: link



5min. Breathing Meditation by Take a Deep Breath: link



5min. Meditation You Can Do Anywhere by Goodful: link

# Holiday Self-Care Tips





Create your own holiday traditions.



Keep your stress levels in check. It's okay to step back or delegate.



Set realistic expectations for yourself and the holiday.



Keep your selfcare routine or begin a new one



permission to let it be a normal day.

BlessingManifesting

# Support Apps Tap each icon for a link



Calm: For mindfulness meditations and soundscapes.



Finch: The self-care best friend. Take care of your pet as you take care of yourself.





Habitica: Gamify your life one task at a time.



Fabriq: Relationship tracker & reminder app for staying in touch, even when it's hard.



Focus Plant: Stay focused; grow plants.



Fluid
Simulation:
Fidget tool for
reducing
anxiety.

### **Bearable**



Bearable: For symptom & mood tracking.



Worry Dolls: Give your worries away to a worrydoll.

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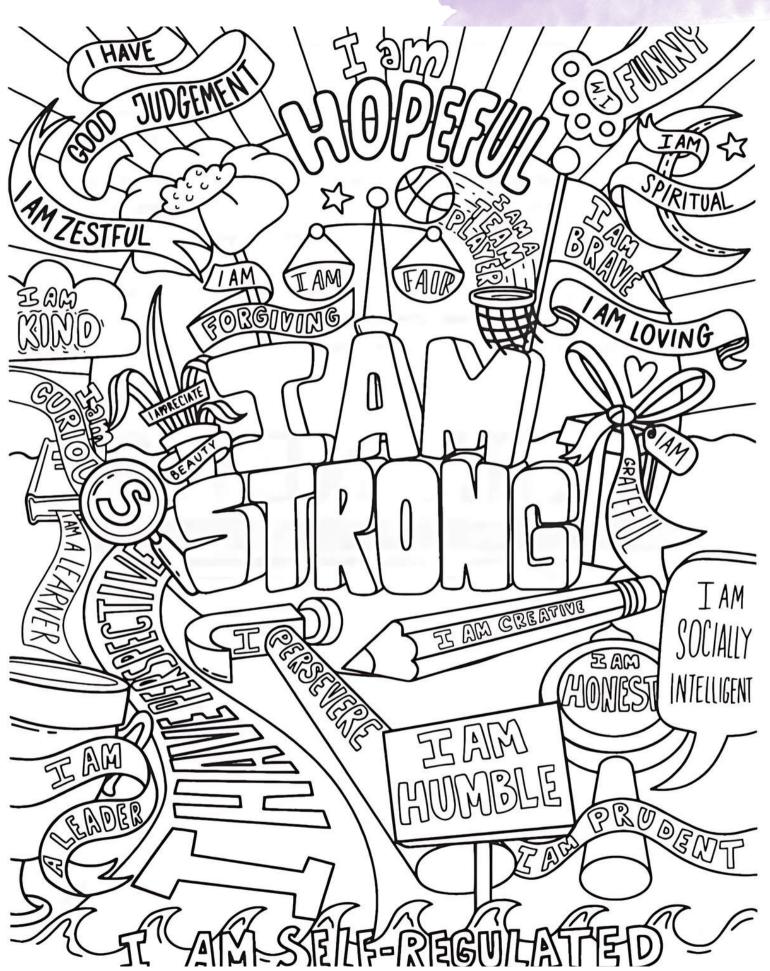


Stoic: For journaling inspiration and support.



Standland: Collect adorable critters by standing up and moving.

### Color your strengths!



Sourced from Go Zen

# Movement

Just as our bodies are unique and ever changing, our relationship to them can shift and sometimes feel disconnected. Nurturing and moving our bodies can help rebuild that connection. Movement helps us feel less stressed, more energized, and in control.

Each day, bodies have different wants. needs, and abilities. Practice noticing your body without judgment.

Respect your body's boundaries.

Our bodies will signal when a rest or stretch is needed: practice listening.

Notice when disconnect happens and practice grounding. Grounding movements bring us back

towards ourselves and promote attunement.

Embrace joyful movement!

Find movements that make you smile, laugh, and relax. At first, this may feel silly, but some silliness is a good thing!

Legs up the wall

Change temperature:

 Hold ice or take a shower/bath.

> Gentle tapping across body

> > ground

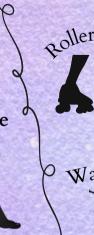
Grounding **Body Scan:** 

Slowly send awareness to each part of your body.

Butterfly hug: Place hands on

opposite shoulder and squeeze gently









## \* Progressive Muscle Relaxation \*

Follow the diagram to gradually tense and release each muscle group. This practice can release stress, promote grounding, and bring us back to the present moment.

13. EYES AND CHEEKS
Squeeze your eyes tight shut.

 MOUTH Purse the lips as if whistling.

### 11. JAW AREA

Without damaging the teeth, bite down until tension can be felt in the jaw area.

#### 10. NECK

Be careful as you tense these muscles. Face forward and then push your head gently into the floor.

#### 9. CHEST

Beginning with the abdominal area, fill the lungs with air while feeling the tension in the chest area. Breathe out from the top of the lungs (upper chest) down through a contracted abdomen.

Take it slow

FOREHEAD
 Wrinkle the brow.

8. LEFT HAND & FOREARM, UPPER ARM AND SHOULDER

### 7. RIGHT SHOULDER

Shrug the shoulder toward the ear and roll the head toward the shoulder so that shoulder & ear are touching.

RIGHT UPPER ARM Tense the bicep and tricep.

### 5. RIGHT HAND & FOREARM

With the palm down, lift the hand until tension can be felt in the top of the hand, the wrist and the forearm.

4. HIPS AND BUTTOCKS

Squeeze your buttock muscles

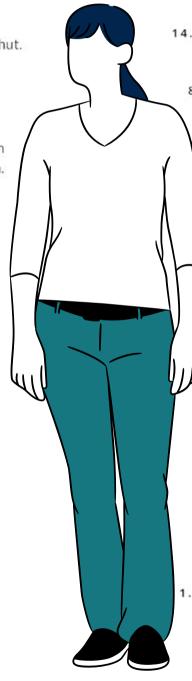
#### 3. LEFT FOOT, LOWER LEG AND UPPER LEG

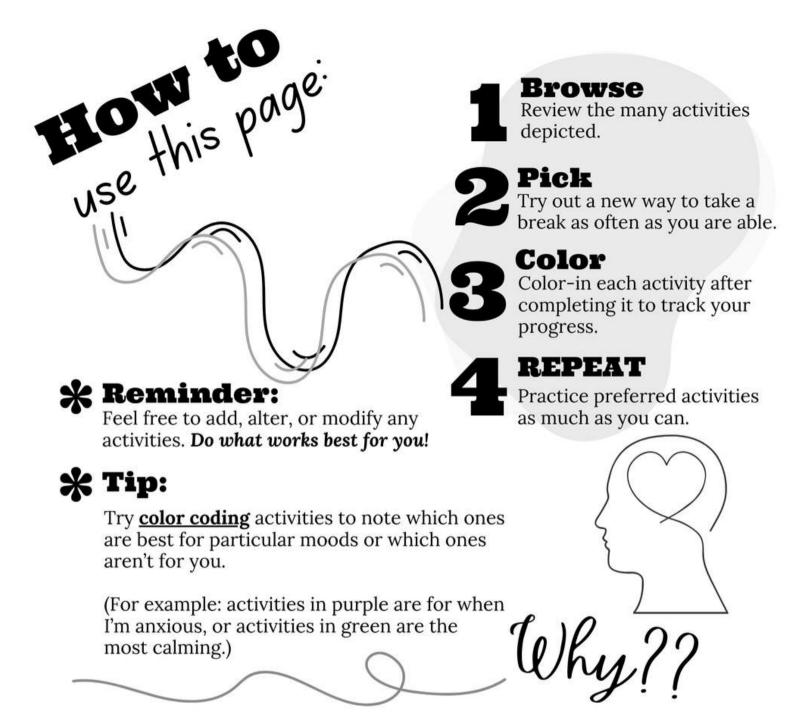
### 2. RIGHT UPPER LEG

Tense the top of the upper leg (quadraceps) and the bottom of the upper leg (hamstring).

### 1. RIGHT FOOT & LOWER LEG

Keeping the heel down, curl the toes back until tension can be felt in the ankle and calf muscle.





These activities can work to calm your nervous system, ground in the present moment, re-connect with your body, instill hope, and build resiliency. These are all forms of **coping**, which is a life-saving skill.

If practiced regularly, coping activities can become habitual and turn into self-care. **Self-care** is a preventative practice that decreases risk of burnout and health issues; it gives us space to nurture ourselves *before* we feel out of control or helpless.

# You don't just deserve a break, you need it.



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Cooking and baking can be powerful grounding activities since they access many senses at once. If you aren't sure where to start, try the following quick and yummy recipes recommended by WOAR staff members.

### Vegan Chocolate Chip Cookies (inspired by Nestle Toll House)

Recommended by Alex

### Ingredients:

1 cup salted vegan butter (or unsalted butter and add a little salt to the dough)

34 cup of sugar
34 cop of packed brown sugar
1 tsp vanilla extract
2/3 cup of applesauce
1 tbsp vegetable oil

2 ¼ cups of flour

1 tsp baking soda 1 tsp salt

2 cups of vegan chocolate chips (Enjoy Life brand is recommended)



### Instructions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
- 2. Soften the butter and mix with the sugars.
- 3. Mix in the applesauce, vegatable oil, and vanilla extract.
- 4. Mix in the flour, baking soda, and salt.
- 5. Mix in chocolate chips.
- 6. Put 1 thsp rounds of cookie dough onto an ungreased cookie sheet with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat.
- 7. Bake for 7-11 minutes, until the edges of the cookies are golden brown.
- 8. Let cookies stand on the sheet for two minutes, then move them to a wire baking rack to cool.
- 9. Enjoy!

# Pudding & Pausing

### Allrecipe's Bread Pudding

Recommended by Georgia

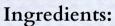
Prep Time: Servings:

15 mins 12

Cook Time: Yield:

45 mins 1 (8-inch square)

pan



6 slices day-old bread, torn into small pieces
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
½ cup raisins (or apple cubes)
2 cups milk
¾ cup white sugar

34 cup white sugar
4 large eggs, beaten
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

### Instructions:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees
- 2. Place bread pieces into an 8-inch square baking pan. Drizzle melted butter over bread and sprinkle raisins (or chopped apples) over top.
- 3. Whisk milk, sugar, eggs, cinnamon, and vanilla together in a medium mixing bowl until well combined.
- 4. Pour mixture over bread, and lightly push down with a fork until all bread is covered and soaking up the liquid.
- 5. Bake in the preheated oven until golden brown and the top springs back when lightly pressed, about 45 minutes.

6.

# Breathe.

try the laws bays







Birthday Breathing

Pretend you are celebrating your birthday and thinking of a wonderful wish. Focus on the wish as you breath in slowly through your nose. Lift your hands, palms up, in front of your mouth as if you are holding your birthday cake. Exhale slowly through your mouth to blow out the candles.

Repeat the birthday breathing until your body is calm and relaxed.



## Hot Air Balloon Breathing Get into a comfortable sitting position and close your eyes. Focus

at hot air balloon breathing until your body is calm a



nagine you are holding a pirwheel in your hand. Turn your head to e right. Breathe in through your nose and then exhale through your outh, slowly turning your head to left as you pretend to spin the nwheel with your breath. Repeat inhaling through the nose, slowly ming your head to the right as you exhale and spin your imaginary with all.

Repeat the pinwheel breathing until your body is calm and relaxed



## Swimming Breathing

just came up for air when you are swimming. Slowly lower your ds out and down back to your side as if swimming through the ir as you exhale.

Repeat the swimming breathing until your body is calm and relaxed







Get into a comfortable slitting or standing position and close your eyes. Focus on listening to your breathing. Feel the air entering in through your nose, filling up your lungs and blowing out of your mouth.

Imagine you are a voicano ready to explode with love, hope or peace instead of lava. Inhale deeply through your nose as your raise your arms overhead. Breathe out, long and slow releasing your feelings of love throughout the room, dropping your arms out and back down to your side.

Repeat the volcano breathing until your body is calm and relaxed



at the bunny breathing until your body is calm and relaxed





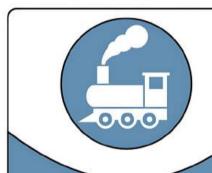
## Flower Breathing



### Rocket Ship Breathing



## Happy Breathing



### Steam Train Breathing











# Breathing Bingo!

Practice as you play:)







Ask for Help Listen









Talk About My Feelings







(...and just breathe)





Journa











Make of List of Things I Can Control (and focus on that)







Play a Card or Board Game





COPING TOOLS









for kids!



Create Origami or Paper Airplanes











(tears release stress hormones)



Take or Look at Photographs







Cuddle & Play

with My Pet









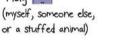






Visualize a Peaceful Place

Color, Craft, or Sculpt









Focus on What I See, Hear, Feel, Smell & Taste





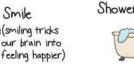


Get 8-11 Hours of 2222 Sleep



Friends





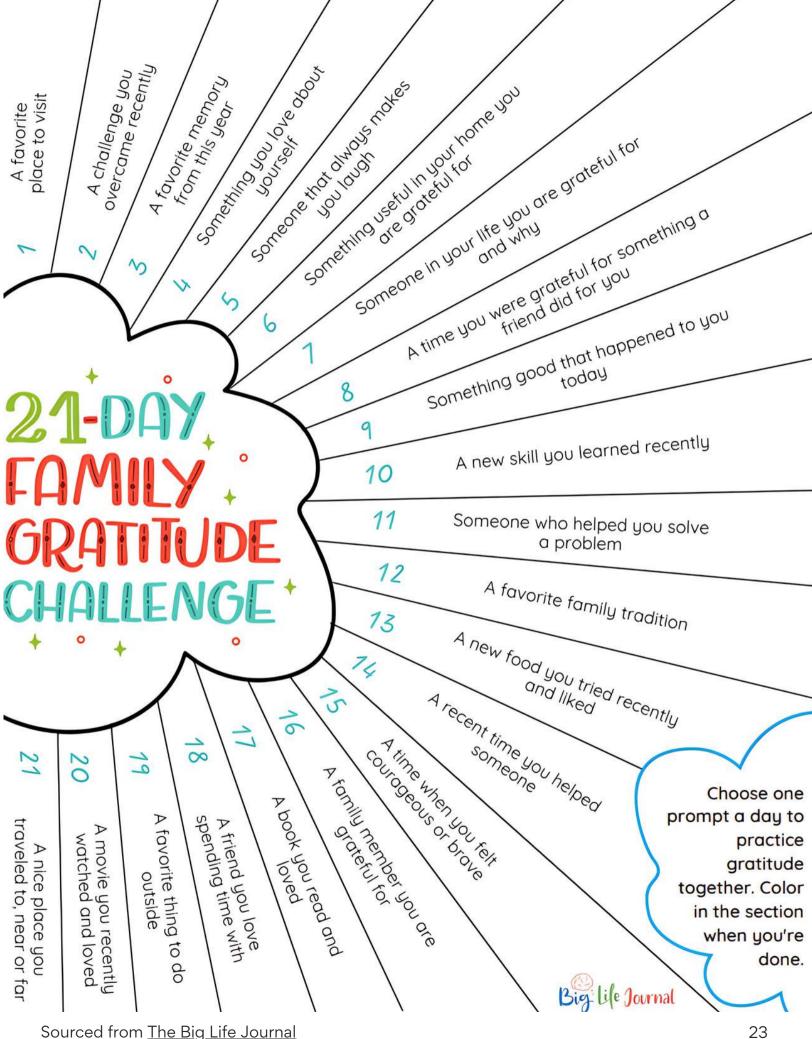




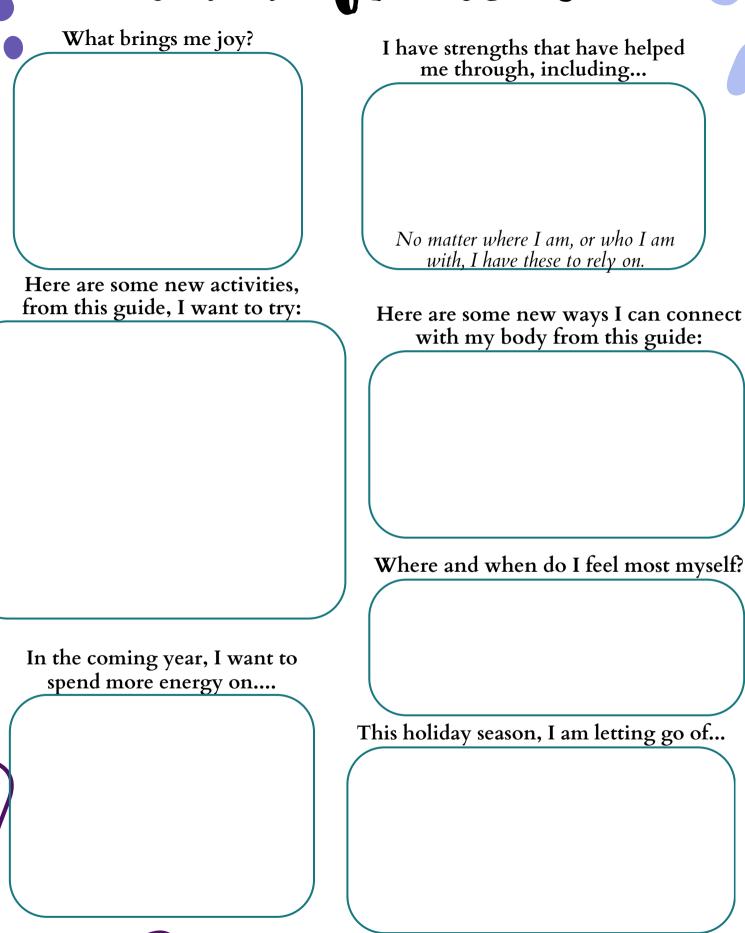
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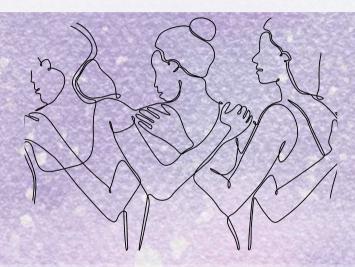
# For reflection



# We are here to help.

If you or someone you know has experienced sexual violence and are looking for support, call us.

WOAR's 24/7 Hotline: 215-985-3333



Philadelphia Crisis Line: (215) 685-6440

Philadelphia's Domestic Violence Hotline: (866) 723-3014

Crisis Response Center: (215) 951-8300

5501 Old York Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19141

Philadelphia Sexual Assault Response Center (PSARC): (215) 800-1589

300 E Huntington Park Ave, Philadelphia, PA, 19124

Women Against Abuse: (215) 386-1280