# **SENIOR MONTERATION OF THE RAINBOW SENIOR CENTER AT KRONKOSKY PLACE**

## **MAY 2020**

TOGETHER, WE ARE BOERNE STRONG!

**ADDRESS** 

17 Old San Antonio Road Boerne, TX 78006

## WEBSITE

www.rainbowseniorcenter.com

**TELEPHONE** (830) 249-2114

# **CENTER UPDATES**

## Check out our Facebook page @Kronkosky.place for daily news and updates!

## A Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Members and Friends,

It has been over a month since we have closed our doors to the public in an effort to keep the seniors in our community safe. During that time we have made many changes, swiftly yet carefully considered, to ensure that we continue to meet the needs of those we were currently serving, and those that now need us due to COVID-19. We know that this is not an easy time for anyone but we hope that you are taking the necessary precautions to stay home and stay safe.

While the Center may be empty and silent compared to the normal hustle and bustle and sounds of conversation and laughter, our staff continues to serve this great mission and create alternative and innovative ways to serve you. We hope you will find some of these unique and creative opportunities throughout this newsletter to help you stay active and engaged from a distance.

As always, our main priorities are keeping you safe, providing you with services to help you stay mentally and physically active and healthy, and making sure you do not feel alone.

We are looking forward to the day that we can all return safely to congregate together and create more lasting memories filled with value, independence, belonging, and empowerment. If you have any questions, concerns, or just need a friendly voice on the other end of the line to give you hope, please call us at 830-249-2114. We miss you and can't wait to see you soon!

Warm Regards,

Olivia Burdick

## **Precautionary Measures**

We are taking extra precautionary measures to ensure the safety of our staff, volunteers and our seniors. We have implemented a rigorous cleaning schedule, have minimal staff operating at the center, all staff are wearing masks when at the center, temperature checks are conducted on our volunteers before they deliver their Meals on Wheels Route, Meals on Wheels hot and frozen bags are being packed outside to ensure a safe distance of 6 feet apart between people, and contactless delivery of home-delivered meals has been implemented.

## **Stay In Touch**

Rainbow Senior Center is sending out regular communication and updates through voice calls, emails and on our Facebook Page,

https://www.facebook.com/kronkosky.place/

To be added to our email list, call 830-249-2114 or email colleen@rainbowseniorcenter.com



Your Hill Country Assisted Living and Memory Care Community

Excellent Care with a Hill County Flare

Experience a Feeling of Family & Home

## 830.816.5150

18 Old San Antonio Road • Boerne, TX 78006 WWW.FRANKLINPARK.ORG

## The Franklin Park® Foundational Belief

Embracing freedom, family, and friends is at the core of what we do. Our Foundational Belief is supported by four pillars: Social Interaction, Mental Stimulation, Spiritual Connection, and Physical Well-Being. By providing extraordinary facilities and a culture that concentrates on exceeding residents' expectations, Franklin Park<sup>®</sup> creates communities that promote overall healthy living.

Come join us for a free lunch and check out our special events Lic. #106798





## Meals on Wheels Kendall County

During the COVID-19 pandemic, everyone over the age of 55 in Kendall County is eligible to receive home-delivered meals. This program ensures seniors have a hot meal delivery, a wellness check in by a volunteer, phone call check ins daily, and 2 weeks worth of emergency meals.

Call 830-249-2114 or email mealsonwheels@rainbowseniorcenter.com



## **FREE RSC Resources:**

*Grocery Pick up:* Please contact RSC at 830-249-2114 if you are in need of an individual to shop for you.

**RX Pick up:** Please contact RSC at 830-249-2114 if you are in need of an individual to pick up your prescriptions.

Home Health Closet: We continue to meet the needs of our community by offering our equipment loan program of wheelchairs, walkers, canes, bed side toilet, shower chairs, and transport chair. Please call RSC at 830-249-2114 to set up a time for pick up or delivery.

**Essential Transportation:** If you have an urgent or essential doctor's appointment we can help. Call RSC at 830-249-2114 to be paired with a community volunteer.

**Puzzles and Book Loan:** Call RSC at 830-249-2114 if you would like to schedule a time for a pick up of puzzles or book or have someone take it to your home.

**Dog and Cat Fostering:** Looking for a furry companion temporarily? Consider fostering an animal! Please contact Rhonda Minarcin at Hay Dude Critter Rescue 210-273-9414.

# Having a hard time coping during COVID-19?

Meet with a counselor from the Ecumenical Center from the comfort of your home. SCHEDULE A WELLNESS CONVERSATION TODAY! (210) 616-0885. (Free of charge.)

9:00am – 5:00pm, Monday through Friday.

Telephone sessions are proven to be as effective as in-person counseling. The Center will continue to meet your needs during this time. We are all in this together!

# Other resources in the community include: (for any age)

\*Free breakfast/lunch meals will be served M -F for children and their families at Boerne Middle School South and Currington ES. Visit www.boerneisd.net for more information.

\*Emergency food pantry at Comfort Table, located at 318 High Street, Comfort, TX, 78013

\*If you need food today, Hill Country Daily Bread is available to provide emergency food at their Boerne campus. (830) 755-5200

\*If you need groceries or financial assistance due to crisis, please contact Hill Country Family Services at (830) 249-8643.

\*First Baptist Church Boerne serves meals to go on Wednesdays. For more information regarding menu and reservations, visit www.fbcboerne.org/midweek.

# **AT-HOME EXERCISES**



Zumba, and other exercise videos will be posted on our Facebook Page.

Please perform these suggested exercises with caution and at your own risk.

#### **Chair Squats**

Pretending that you are about to sit down in a chair can strengthen your entire lower body.

1. Stand in front of a chair with your feet as far apart as your hips. 2. Bend your knees while keeping your shoulders and chest upright. 3. Lower your bottom so you sit down.

4. Then push your body back up to return to a standing position.

#### **Single Foot Stand**

This exercise helps with balance. 1. Stand behind a steady, unmoveable chair and hold onto

the back.

2. Pick up your left foot and balance on your right foot as long as is

comfortable.

3. Place your left foot down and then lift up your right foot and balance on your left foot You are aiming to be able to stand on one foot without holding the chair for up to a minute.

#### The Head Turn

This exercise involves a movement you do whenever you shake your head "no".

1. Stand or sit with your back straight and your shoulders relaxed. 2. Turn your head slowly to the right until you feel a light stretch. 3. Hold that position and then turn slowly to the left.

This exercise helps to keep your neck remain mobile.



The Rainbow Center at Kronkosky Place, Boerne, TX

# **EXERCISE YOUR BRAIN!**



## Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.



# CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## Answers located on page 13.

# SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

#### **At-Home Activities:**

Set up a "Date" with your family/ grand-kids. Ask about their lives and how are they coping during this time. Share with them all the new things you have learned to do!

Play a game via Facetime with your loved ones. Pictionary or hang -man.

Journal. Think of the time you were in a stressful situation and how you survived it. Think of the time you were most happy. Share those feeling on the paper.

You are loved, write a note to those that care for you or those you care about.

#### Do arts and crafts:

- Take deep breath and think of what you are feeling.
- Imagine the feelings with colors, shapes, textures.
- Start putting the emotions on the paper, make the page colorful.
- Take a pen and paper and answer the following questions:
- 1. What do you see on this image?
- 2. What is the image trying to tell you?
- 3. What would make this image feel a little better?

Learn something new every day. Learning new vocabulary words will help with brain exercise. Christina Rossetti, 'Spring'. There is no time like Spring, When life's alive in everything, Before new nestlings sing, Before cleft swallows speed their journey back Along the trackless track – God guides their wing, He spreads their table that they nothing lack, – Before the daisy grows a common flower Before the sun has power To scorch the world up in his noontide hour...

## What to plant in May for a Summer garden!

Beans (lima and snap), Beets, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cantaloupe, Carrots, Cauliflower, Celery (after the 15th is better), Chard (early in the month), Cucumbers, Lettuce, Parsnips, Peas, Potatoes, Pumpkins (mid to late in the month), Radish, Squash, Tomatoes, Watermelon.

No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow." - Proverb from Guinea

## Happy Birthday!

To all of our members with May birth dates, we wish you a sweet, safe and happy birthday! We hope we can celebrate with you all at RSC soon! If you have a birthday in May, you will be entered in a drawing to win a floral arrangement from a local Boerne floral shop!



## Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon!

We love our volunteers and everything they do that makes Rainbow Senior Center special. Let's celebrate! Pease save Saturday, June 6th, 2020 for a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. This one is for YOU! Further details to be announced at a later date.

#### **Pen Pal Program**

Are you interested in writing letters to a pal? Would you like to receive letters back? Participate in our Pen Pal Program! Please call us at 830-249-2114 or email colleen@rainbowseniorcenter.com. Postage and supplies will be provided to you as needed.

# SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY

SHARE YOUR TALENTS! IF YOU HAVE A TALENT SEWING, DRAWING, WRITING OR SOMETHING ELSE, PLEASE SHARE IT WITH OTHERS! THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES RIGHT NOW TO DO WHAT YOU LOVE WHILE GIVING BACK TO OTHERS!

Quilt Makers: If you would like to do something special for the children in our community by making quilts, the Bunk Bed Ministry would be a perfect opportunity. Karen Fuller is the Coordinator for the Bunk Bed Ministry at First United Methodist Church. Email: karenfuller1115@gmail.com Cell: 713-818-9089

**Thank You Letter Campaign:** We are looking for individuals to write thank you letters for organizations who have helped RSC and our Seniors during this time. Call RSC at 830-249-2114.

**Tied Blanket Project:** Are you interested in making a fleece, tied-ends blanket for yourself or others? Please call RSC if you are interested at 830-249-2114.

If you would like share your talent with your RSC members, please call us at 830-249-2114 or email colleen@rainbowseniorcenter.com



# THE LIFESTYLE YOU DESERVE, THE CARE YOU NEED.

HERITAGE PLACE - BOERNE ASSISTED LIVING

## 830-249-9817 www.HeritagePlaceOfBoerne.com

YOU WILL FEEL THE DIFFERENCE WHEN YOU WALK THROUGH THE DOOR. Enjoy Lunch On Us When You Tour Our Community

# MAY MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Area Agency on Aging	Alamo Area Council Of Governments			01 Oven Fried Chicken Tenders Mac & Cheese Green Peas	
04	05	06	07	08	
Seafood Gumbo Steamed Rice Corn Bread	Taco Salad w/ Fixings Charro beans Tortillas	Jager Schnitzel Sauerkraut German Potato Salad	Chili Cheese Hot Dogs w/ Onions Baked Beans Potato Chips	Pecan Crusted Tilapia Red Skin Mashed Potatoes Broccoli	
11	12	13	14	15	
Chopped BBQ Sandwich Ranch Style Beans Creamed Corn	Smothered Pork Chop Au Gratin Potatoes Red Beets	Oven Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes Corn Biscuit	Spaghetti w/ Meatballs Mixed Veggies Tossed Salad Garlic Bread	Cajun Style Catfish Wild Rice Brussel Sprouts	
18	19	20	21	22	
Beef Sausage & Peppers Boiled Potatoes	Pulled Pork Corn Fiesta Blend Veggies	Baked Chicken Collard Greens Black-eyed Peas	Herb Parmesan Crusted Tilapia Wild Rice Broccoli	Oven Roasted Turkey w/ Dressing Sweet Potatoes Green Beans	
25	26	27	28	29	
Closed	osed Country Baked Ham Scalloped Potatoes 5 Way Veggies		Lemon Peppered Cod Key Largo Veggies	Italian Beef Lasagna Peas & Carrots Garlic Bread	

# **VOLUNTEER NEEDS**

It only takes one person to make a change, one group to make a difference, and one community to make an impact! Together, we are Boerne Strong. Volunteer opportunities at the Rainbow Senior Center at Kronkosky Place include: Meals on Wheels drivers, grocery pick-up, pharmacy/prescription pick up, daily phone calls to seniors to check in, and many more. The possibilities of serving our seniors during this time, and always, are endless. We love to hear new ideas of how you would like to serve. Please call 830-249-2114 or email <u>colleen@rainbowseniorcenter.com</u>



# RSC LEADERSHIP

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Dr. Jennifer Johnson PRESIDENT

Gavin Grosenbacher IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Robb Weller PRESIDENT ELECT/TREASURER

Bill Bird VICE PRESIDENT

Cali Redd SECRETARY

Sandra Bradley BOARD MEMBER

Debbie Clayton BOARD MEMBER Pete Cowger BOARD MEMBER

Julia Garza BOARD MEMBER

Karen Love BOARD MEMBER

Chris Weber BOARD MEMBER

Advisory Panel Jack Beckwith Nicole Bishop Howard Klein Dawn Fulgham Heather Tessmer Courtney Velek

## CENTER STAFF

Olivia Burdick EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Colleen Housley DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS AND MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

Emily Perry DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Antonio Walker MEALS ON WHEELS COORDINATOR

Carol Hitchler ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR

Karla Anger BOOKKEEPER

Pat Gray RECEPTIONIST Jack Hollands, Dave Wallace, & Barnie Gavin DRIVERS

Pat Kelly PROPERTY MANAGER

Lupe Galvan PROPERTY ASSISTANT

Richard Palomo EXECUTIVE CHEF

Mike Lenhoff SOUS CHEF

Susan Payne KITCHEN ASSISTANT

Merissa Everett EVENT COORDINATOR

## From the staff...

"I can't begin to express how much I miss y'all. I hope everyone is doing as well as possible under the circumstances. I look forward to the day when we're all back at the senior center harassing each other as usual!" - Karla

"I miss you all dearly. I admire the strength and patience of each of our members during this time of uncertainty and change. Thank you for allowing us all at the Rainbow Senior Center to continue to serve you. Together, we are Boerne Strong!" - Emily

"I am new to the Boerne area, but during one of the most trying and difficult times in modern US history, you can see the true strength of this community. That's the people. A famous quote by Mr. Rogers that keeps being uttered right now is, 'During difficult times, look for the helpers.' Those are exactly the type of people surrounding the Meals on Wheels program here in Boerne. Thank you to each and every one of you. This community's strength comes from the resiliency you all have shown throughout adversity. Thank you for letting me be a part of this. Keep safe, take care, and keep washing your hands." - Antonio Walker Jr.

"Without you coming in, enjoying your social activities and gathering at lunch, there is a huge void. We miss you and the laughs. Do not lose hope! We will be together again soon. Desmond Tutu says, "Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness." - Colleen

"We will overcome this and soon you will be back at RSC eating lunch with us! 'Kindness and faithfulness keep a king safe, through kindness his throne is made secure. King Solomon" - Chef Richard

# LET'S PLAY!

Connect 5 in a row (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) to be entered to win a gift card to win a surprise! If you black out your Bingo Card (complete all activities), you will be entered in the drawing three times! You may submit a picture of your completed card to colleen@rainbowseniorcenter.com, mail it to 17 Old San Antonio Road, Boerne, TX 78006 or post it on our Facebook Page! Will you be one of the 3 winners?!

B List: Your 3 favorite songs	Complete: 20 arm curls 20 knee lifts 20 ankle rolls	Take a walk Or Get some sun!	<b>G</b> Take 3 deep breaths! in through your nose 1,2,3 Hold 1,2,3 Out through your mouth 1,2,3	Clean out your junk drawer! Throw out trash Wash the drawer Share items you don't
List: 3 things you are grateful for today!	<b>Call:</b> A friend or family member to check up on them!	Clean out your pantry. Throw out expired items	Take a Tour: Virtual Museum tour online https://tinyurl.com/ wp2gmtw 12 famous museums	Name all 50 states No Cheating!
<b>Drink water!</b> 64 oz. a day! Stay hydrated!	Stimulate your mind! Complete one crossword, word search, Sudoku, or other puzzle	Free Space	Reminisce! Look through old pictures	Listen to music that makes you happy!
<b>Start a Journal</b> Write a page a day about whatever is on your mind	Come up with as many words as possible in 2 minutes from CORONAVIRUS	MAIL A LETTER OR CARD TO A friend or family member to tell them you're thinking of them	Dust off that deck of cards! Play a game of Soli- taire!	Watch an old mov- ie you haven't seen before. Go ahead have some popcorn!
Put your crafting to the test! Make something beautiful.	List: Three things you love about the Rainbow Senior Center.	Write: A piece of advise that you would give to younger genera- tions!	Write: About your past & how life was when you were younger to share with your grandkids.	Stretch! Open your arms wide and rotate your hands. Give yourself a bear hug. Turn your head left & then right.

# **ANSWERS**

## Answer to Sudoku

9	6	3	5	2	1	8	4	7
2	7	8	4	6	9	5	1	3
1	4	5	8	7	3	6	2	9
8	1	6	2	9	7	3	5	4
3	9	4	6	1	5	7	8	2
5	2	7	3	8	4	9	6	1
6	8	9	7	4	2	1	3	5
4	3	1	9	5	6	2	7	8
7	5	2	1	3	8	4	9	6

"The size of a man's character can be shown by the things that make him angry." - Unknown





œ

The Rainbow Center at Kronkosky Place, Boerne, TX E 4C 05-1761

# THANK YOU!

# THANK YOU to our partners for helping us to serve the Boerne community during the COVID-19 crisis.

1910 Church Cibolo Creek Church H-E-B

Hungry Horse Hill Country Family Services



THANK YOU to the following foundations for supporting the Rainbow Senior Center during this time:

H-E-B

GVTC Foundation Meals on Wheels America San Antonio Area Foundation

## MAKE A DONATION!

You can depend on the Rainbow Senior Center to continue to deliver. But, we need your help too!

Please consider supporting RSC by donating at one of the following avenues:

Visit: http://www.rainbowseniorcenter.com/donations/

Text: "feedasenior" to 44-321

Mail to: Rainbow Senior Center

17 Old San Antonio Rd, Boerne, Texas 78006

## How Does COVID-19 Spread?

The best way to prevent illness from COVID-19 is to avoid being exposed to the virus, as there is no vaccine to prevent COVID-19.

According to the CDC, the virus is thought to be spread mainly from person-to-person. This means it may spread between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet), or through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

The CDC also reports that it may be possible for someone to get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object with the virus on it, and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spread.

The best way to stay healthy is to follow these steps from the CDC:

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after being in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

14 RAINBOW SENIOR CENTER  $\cdot$  MAY 2020  $\cdot$  WWW.RAINBOWSENIORCENTER.COM  $\cdot$  (830) 249-2114

1



Proudly Serving the San Antonio Area and the Texas Hill Country Area!

*"Helping Our Patients and Their Families Embrace Life to the Fullest"* 

Our team is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to speak with you, provide compassionate and professional care in home or in the hospital and to be there when you need us most!

Hospice Care is covered by Medicare, Medicaid, TriCare and most private insurance.

## Our services include:

- PAIN & SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT
- PHYSICIAN, NURSING AND HOME CARE SERVICES
- SPIRITUAL CARE SUPPORT
- GRIEF AND FAMILY SUPPORT
- EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES



## 1444 Sidney Baker Rd. • Kerrville, TX EmbraceHospicellc.com





Εī

ROERNE, TX 78006-3414 17 OLD SAN ANTONIO RD 806RNE, TX 78006-3414

