# "NO ACT OF KINDNESS, NO MATTER HOW SMALL, **IS EVER WASTED."**



#### **MORE KINDNESS, MORE OPTIMISM**

Acts of kindness produce oxytocin, sometimes referred to as the love hormone, lowering blood pressure and improving our overall heart-health. Oxytocin also increases our feelings of optimism, which we could all use a bit more of!

#### **28 DAYS OF KINDNESS**

Challenge yourself to do one random act of kindness every day for the next 28 days. Bring a co-worker their favorite coffee, hold the door for a stranger, pick up litter on your walk, or give someone a sincere compliment. Big or small, all acts of kindness make a difference for those involved.

### **BE KIND TO YOURSELF**

This is just a reminder to be kind to yourself around Valentine's Day treats. There is nothing wrong with indulging in a bit of chocolate or candy, but make sure you sit and savor it! Enjoying treats mindfully can prevent you from overdoing it.

**Sources:** <u>https://www.dartmouth.edu/wellness/emotional/rakhealthfacts.pdf / 102 Challenges</u> by Tad Mitchell, 2018 WellRight, Inc.

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- **2/5** NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY FOR HEART DISEASE
- 2/11 'YOU AT YOUR BEST' LUNCH AND LEARN\*
- 2/16 'STRESS LESS' LUNCH AND LEARN\*
- 2/17 RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY
- 2/25 'DESKERCISE 101' LUNCH AND LEARN\*

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