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## COMPASS CORNER

#### APRIL 2024



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#### **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: MEET FRANK**

Frank has been a volunteer with Breakfast Club at Compass for 15 years!

Frank chose to volunteer with Compass to meet new people and to be helpful. He enjoys his role with Breakfast Club and finds it remarkable what he has accomplished in that time, and has learned to be a better person through volunteerism.

Thanks for your commitment, Frank!

Do you want to volunteer with a program at Compass? Contact Sarah for more information at sfrench@compassch.org





# COMPASSIONATE MOVEMENT -DIABETES PILOT-

#### WHAT IT IS:

- A COMPASSIONATE MOVEMENT GROUP FOR THOSE WITH DIABETES
- INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION
- GENTLE MOVEMENT
- RELAXATION



#### LED BY:

- DIABETES NURSE
- DIFTICIAN
- PHYSIOTHERAPIST
- STUDENT KINESIOLOGIST



#### WHEN AND WHERE:

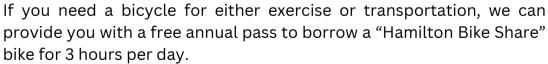
- EVERY MONDAY FROM APRIL 8TH TO 29TH
- TIME: 1PM-2:30PM
- LOCATION: COMMUNITY ROOM/CHILDREN'S ROOM



CALL RAISSA TO REGISTER! 905-523-6611 EXT. 3055

#### **COMPASS BIKE PASS:**

Once again, we have teamed up with Hamilton Bike Share and the Everyone Rides initiative to provide clients and community members with free bike passes!



Free helmets are also available upon request.



For more information on the Hamilton Bike Share, please visit: www.hamilton.socialbicycles.com/. For more information on Everyone Rides, please visit: www.everyonerides.org







#### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

#### INTRO TO FITNESS: FOR NEWCOMERS!



Are you new to Canada within the last 2 years? Join our "Intro to Fitness" Program! This is a physical activity program for newcomers who have been struggling to access fitness or have limited fitness options! The program aims to teach home workouts, introduce community resources, foster social connections, and enhance language skills. Participants will receive refreshments, a booklet of home workouts, and one free workout kit per family, ensuring

sustained engagement beyond the program's duration. There are limited spots available!

Weekly sessions take place every Wednesday, starting April 17th. To register, please contact Alishba at 289-683-6065.

#### **CARING FOR YOUR DIABETES**

This month's "Caring for your Diabetes" workshop series focuses on insulin! If you use insulin, or are new to using insulin, please join us! This workshop provides useful and practical educational information about insulin and using insulin. It is delivered by our diabetes nurse & diabetes program coordinator.

To register for this workshop, or for more information, please call Robin at 905-523-6611 x 3001.







MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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29	30			Breakfast Club 7:45-9:15 Every school day!
Third Youth   12:30  Sit and Fit   10:45  Trackers   2:00  Tada   10:00  Grow Well   1:30	Welcome Baby- Prena Nutrition Program   12:  Seniors Kitchen   11:00  Freedom to Be   9:30  Caring for Diabetes: In: or New to Insulin   1:30	(for newcomers) Finding your Ba Compassionate Diabetes   1:00	tlance  10:00  Movement-  Movement-	Femme Peer Support   6:00 s & Non-Binary TTRPG   5:30 Spirit LGBTQIA+generational Kitchen   5:30 er Tongue   4:00 Clinic   5:00 Pflag   3:

#### To Register for programs call 905-523-6611 and the associated extension listed below:

Breakfast Club: For children & their families. Eat a nutritious hot breakfast in a supervised space every school day 7:45-9:15am. Call Mariko ext 2084

Caring for Diabetes: Educational workshop for those who use insulin or those new to insulin. Contact Robin- ext 3001

Compassionate Movement- Diabetes: program focused on self-compassion and diabetes management. Contact Raissa- ext 3055

Finding your Balance: Combine education and exercise to help prevent falls, increase mobility & promote independence. Call Rachel 905- 523-1184

Freedom to Be (Mindfulness): Are you struggling with stress? Living in the past or worried about the future? Learn to live in the moment during this fun, in-person 7-week mindfulness program. Contact Jillian- ext 3015

FVRx: Compass organic food produce box prescription. Contact Leah- ext 3006

Grow Well: A gardening program that combines mindfulness with growing practices. Contact Leah- ext 3006

Introduction to Fitness (for newcomers): Physical activity program for those who are new to Canada that combines exercise, socialization, resources and more. Contact Alishba 289-683-6065 Intergenerational Kitchen for Two Spirit LGBTQIA+: Cooking group for Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ folks. Ingredients provided. We cook and eat together. Contact Autumn- ext 2022

Mother Tongue: A cooking session for newcomers to connect with each other and their community. Guest attendees welcome to sign up! This kitchen is open to 2S-LGBTQIA+ folks new to Canada, 2S-LGBTQIA+ BIPOC, and BIPOC allies. Contact Autumn- ext 2022

Partners for Transgender & Non-Binary Persons Support Group: Group for partners of Trans and Non-binary folks. Takes place at Stardust Therapeutic Collective. Contact Autumn- ext 2022

Pflag: Hamilton peer support meeting: This is a safe space where parents and caregivers of LGBTQIA2S+ and gender-diverse kids can come together to ask questions and support each other.

Contact Autumn- ext 2022

Screen for Life Bus: To book an appointment, call 905-975-4467 to get screening for breast, cervical, or colon cancer.

Seniors Kitchen: Join us on the 3rd Wednesday of every month to cook & share a meal together. Contact Leah- ext 3006

Sit and Fit: An exercise program for anyone 55+ interested in improving balance, posture, and strength in a fun and supportive environment. In-person Monday and Thursday virtual. Contact Rachel 905- 523-1184

TADA: Weekly art group open to anyone interested in having fun and learning from, or teaching others, a new art or craft. Contact Sib- ext 2014

Third Youth: A health education program for Latin American seniors geared to prevent isolation, anxiety and depression. Contact Maria- ext 2017

Trackers: A weekly indoor walking group to increase physical activity, movement, and meet others. Contact Christine- ext 2059

Trans and Non-Binary Grocery Program: For Trans folks to receive free groceries and access to a variety of services, including newcomer and queer/trans advocacy. Contact Autumn- ext 2022

Trans and Non-Binary TTRPG Group: Group for Trans and Non-binary folks to play TTRPGs together and explore their identities. Contact Autumn-ext 2002

Trans-femme Peer Support Group: Social and peer support group for self-identifying Trans femme folks. Refreshments provided. Contact Autumn- ext 2022

Trans ID Clinic: Legal and peer support for those looking to make name and sex designation changes to their ID. Contact Autumn- ext 2022

Welcome Baby- Prenatal Nutrition Program: Learn about healthy pregnancy, labor and delivery, breastfeeding, and community support. Contact Cory- ext 3047



### GRUB CLUB

TUESDAYS 5:30 - 7PM

RUNS JUNE 11, 2024 UNTIL AUGUST 20, 2024 BIRGE PARK SITE 167 BIRGE ST. WEDNESDAYS 5:30 - 7PM

RUNS MAY 22, 2024 UNTIL AUGUST 21, 2024

COMPASS MAIN SITE 438 HUGHSON ST. N.

Learn the basics of gardening and nurturing plants, harvesting, and cooking skills. Try new activities, games, and crafts every week!

For ages 6 - 13



For more information contact Health Promotion at 905-523-6611 x 2084 or mbown-kai@compassch.org

#### Volunteer with

# Pathways to Education

Support High School Students to reach their academic, social and personal goals!







3 hours each week is all it takes to make a long-lasting, positive difference



Contact Us: (905) 523-6611 ext. 3063 sfrench@compassch.org







What goes up when rain comes down? Umbrellas!

What type of bow can't be tied or untied? A Rainbow.

**How did the cake get wet?** It got sprinkled.

What do clouds wear during rain showers? Thunderwear.

**Why was the broom late?** It over-swept.



#### Earth Day 2024!





Monday, April 22 is Earth Day! This is a great time to take action and demonstrate the ways we can take care of the earth and commit to protecting the environment. Here are a few ideas of how you can show you care on Earth Day and every day!

**Participate in a clean up event** - Join a community clean up event or clean up around your neighbourhood.

**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**- Consider what products you are using and make changes to produce less waste. Use reusable bags and reusable containers when you go out.

**Join a Community Garden**- Check out some of the resources below to learn how to get involved. To learn more about Compass gardens contact Leah at 905-523-6611 x 3006.

**Volunteer with community organizations** - Here are a few local organizations and websites to keep connected with:

Green Venture www.greenventure.ca

Environment Hamilton www.environmenthamilton.org

Hamilton Naturalists' Club www.hamiltonnature.org

City of Hamilton www.hamilton.ca/home-neighbourhood/environmental-stewardship

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