### Houston County Health & Wellness November 2022 Edition Gratitude

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#### What is Gratitude?

Gratitude is a positive emotion that involves being thankful and appreciative and is associated with several mental and physical health benefits.

## Benefits of Gratitude

- Makes Us Happier
- Increases Our Self Esteem
- Improves Relationships
- Reduces Stress
- Improves Sleep

### Did You Know?

Research shows that people who express gratitude are more likely to share with others freely, offer emotional support and assistance, and forgive more willingly.

# Gratitude Quote

"The heart that gives thanks is a happy one, for we cannot feel thankful and unhappy at the same time."

Douglas Wood

# How To Practice Gratitude

- Write a thank-you note or simply say thank you!
- Make someone feel special. If you have a person in your life that you feel you owe some happiness or success to, visit them in person and tell them how much they mean to you.
- Count your blessings. Pick a time every week to sit down and write about your blessings.
- Find a gratitude buddy. Find someone to share your daily practice with-your spouse, your child, or a friend. .
- Self-appreciation. Daily, practice saying five good things about yourself. It may
  be awkward or difficult at first, but over time it will become easier.