21 Days of Gratitude Challenge Information



Practicing gratitude is one way to improve your physical and emotional well-being, and it doesn’t have to take much time out of your busy day!

Some of the benefits of practicing gratitude include:

* Lower blood pressure
* Improved sleep
* Increased resilience
* Lessened feelings of depression
* Strengthened immune system
* Boost in satisfaction with life

Here are some resources for developing your own challenge, in addition to the sample flyer and challenge tracker template below:

* OEA Choice Trust blog post, [The Benefits of Practicing Gratitude](https://oeachoice.com/the-benefits-of-practicing-gratitude/)
* [Gratitude Tree Activity Instructions](https://oeachoice.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Gratitude-Tree-Activity-Instructions.pdf) (designed for staff, can be modified)
* Laura Trice TED Talk, [Remember to Say Thank You](https://www.ted.com/talks/laura_trice_remember_to_say_thank_you?referrer=playlist-give_thanks#t-186807) (3 minutes)

Additional information:

* [How to Cultivate an Attitude of Gratitude](https://www.happify.com/hd/cultivate-an-attitude-of-gratitude/) – Happify
* [7 Scientifically Proven Benefits of Gratitude](https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/what-mentally-strong-people-dont-do/201504/7-scientifically-proven-benefits-gratitude) – Psychology Today

Please customize any of the materials in this kit to host this challenge for your organization!

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**Challenge start date**:

**Challenge end date**:

**How to participate**: For each day you practice gratitude, mark the challenge tracker. After the last day of the challenge, turn in your tracker to x by date.

**Ideas for practicing gratitude**:

* List up to ten things for which you feel grateful
* Write a thank you card, note or email thanking someone for a specific thing
* Call a family member or friend to express your appreciation for them
* Start a meeting with a “Thank You Circle” – each person has the opportunity to thank another member of the group for something
* Create a Gratitude Tree truck on poster board or paper and add things you are grateful for as apples, leaves or flowers to the branches

**Incentives/prizes**: For each day you practice gratitude, you’ll earn one entry into a drawing for x. The drawing will be conducted by date and winners will be announced by communication channel (email, wellness newsletter, announcement at a meeting).

If your wellness program has a logo, insert it here to brand this challenge as part of your program!

21 Days of Gratitude Challenge Tracker

Name:

Challenge start date:

Challenge end date:

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** | **Sunday** |
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