

## **February is American Heart Month**

Heart disease and stroke are the first and fourth leading causes of death in the United States. Heart disease is responsible for 1 of every 4 deaths in the country. For some groups, such as African Americans, the burden is even greater. The good news is that heart disease and stroke can be prevented, and February—American Heart Month—is a great time to refresh your memory on the small but important actions you can take.

How can you reduce your risk? One way is to know your ABC'S:

**A** Ask your health care provider about taking **A**spirin.

**B** Make control your goal: if you have high **B**lood Pressure, work with your health care provider to get it under control. High blood pressure is one of the leading causes of heart disease and stroke. One in three American adults has high blood pressure—that's about 70 million people. Unfortunately, less than half of people with high blood pressure have their condition under control. Work with your health care team to find out if you have high blood pressure. If you do, take steps to reduce it by getting active by exercising for at least 30 minutes most days of the week and eating a hearthealthy diet that is high in fresh fruits and vegetables and low in sodium, saturated and trans fats, and cholesterol. Follow your health care provider's instructions when it comes to taking medicines or measuring your blood pressure at home.

**C** Find out how to best manage high **C**holesterol. High cholesterol affects 1 in 3 American adults. Getting a simple blood test is the only way you can know if have high cholesterol. Your doctor can suggest steps you can take to prevent high cholesterol or to reduce your levels if they are high.

**S** Stop **S**moking—or don't start. Cigarette smoking greatly increases your risk for heart disease. If you're a smoker, quit as soon as possible, and if you don't smoke, don't start.

### **Superior Home Health Care Update**

Our sister company, Superior Home Health Care, has made some important changes in the last month. Because our names are so similar, this has caused some confusion.

Some of Superior Home Health Care's clients were served under their Medicare privileges; that part of their business was discontinued and those clients have been transitioned to other providers. Many of SHHC's other clients were, and will continue to be, served under their Minnesota Comprehensive Home Care license; this includes home care nursing.

These changes do not affect Superior Home Care. We will continue to provide PCA and Respite services.

Hi all, I hope you were all able to stay warm during our January deep freeze!! I sure do not like venturing out in the cold unless

I have too. One thing I do really enjoy doing (even in the colder then a deep freezer state of Minnesota) is going to the movies. It is an event I have enjoyed since I was a young boy. This month I'm going to share with you



my favorite place to watch movies on the big screen: Marcus Theatres Rosemount Cinema. It is located at 15280 Carrousel Way, Rosemount, MN 55068. They have dream loungers (like a recliner) in every auditorium as well as stadium seating and handicap accessible seating. The best part of this theater is the special offers like \$5 movies EVERY Tuesday. You can buy your ticket and book your seat online (small service charge per ticket) so you know you get the best seat in the house or you can walk in to the theater early and buy your ticket and pick your seat. They are also offering a Kids Dream Winter Film Series that runs Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays February 5 -March 20, 2016 at 10:00AM. Admission to these special viewings are only \$3 a ticket, popcorn \$2.75 and fountain drinks \$2.75. Visit marcustheatres.com for all shows and showtimes. Stay warm!!

Submitted by Jim (client)



# did you know?

Minnesota law clearly states that "motorists must treat every corner and intersection as a crosswalk, whether it's marked or unmarked, and drivers must stop for pedestrians."

Tongue Twister... "How much ground would a groundhog grind if a groundhog could grind ground ?".

Did you know... The world's smallest dog is the Chihuahua, which means "tiny dog in the skv."

Submitted by Sandy (client)



Samantha Payne has been selected for Superior Home



Care's Employee of the Month for February 2016. Samantha has been a PCA with Superior Home Care for 1 year. We are grateful for her hard work and dedication.

# February Birth



01 - Jeremy

02 - Kris

02 - Deborah

14 - Judv 15 - Erica

02 - Monica

15 - Kim

02 - Katherine

19 - Robert

04 - Angela 04 - Amanda 19 - Tina

04 - Bryanne

21 - Connie

05 - Yandel

21 - Mary

05 - Lynda

22 - Javden

05 - Tracy

22 - Joshua 22 - Moriah

06 - Susan

22 - Brooke

08 - Skye

24 - Paul

09 - Deborah

24 - Angela

10 - Lois

25 - Eng

10 - Jake 12 - Deborah 26 - LaDonna

12 - Christine

27 - Marissa 28 - Shauntrell

13 - Paula

"Away in a meadow all covered with snow The little old groundhog looks for his shadow The clouds in the sky determine our fate If winter will leave us all early or late."

- Don Halley -

Submitted by Sandy (client)







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