### FEBRUARY 2020 | GROWING HEALTHY HEARTS

**AT THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION | AMERICAN STROKE ASSOCIATION**

We can reduce heart disease by promoting a healthy diet and lifestyle, so the American Heart Association has a new national goal: By 2020, to improve the cardiovascular health of all Americans by 20 percent while reducing deaths from cardiovascular diseases and stroke by 20 percent.

Join us and the YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh for heart health screenings during Heart Health Week February 10th-16th, and learn how you can take back control of your health.

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<td>LIFEGUARD RECERTIFICATION 7am-5pm</td>
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<td>THIRSTY THURSDAY 9am-12pm YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM RELEASE Soccer &amp; Basketball Youth Sports</td>
<td>DIVE-IN MOVIE 6-8pm Come enjoy our Pool &amp; Movie &quot;Sing&quot;</td>
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**Exercise of the Month**

**Purpose:** Arms, Back, Chest, Core, Glutes, Legs

**Exercise:** Burpees

- Stand with your feet shoulder-width apart, weight in your heels, and your arms at your sides.
- Push your hips back, bend your knees, and lower your body into a squat.
- Place your hands on the floor directly in front of, and just inside, your feet.
- Shift your weight onto your hands.
- Jump your feet back to softly land on the balls of your feet in a plank position. Your body should form a straight line from your head to heels. Be careful not to let your back sag or your butt stick up in the air, as both can keep you from effectively working your core.
- Jump your feet back so that they land just outside of your hands.
- Reach your arms over head and explosively jump up into the air.
- Land and immediately lower back into a squat for your next rep.

**Recipe Card**

**Healthy Greek Yogurt Brownies**

**Ingredients for Brownies**
- ¼ cup almond flour or oat flour*
- ¼ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- ¼ tsp sea salt
- ½ cup bittersweet chocolate, chopped (4 oz)
- 2 TBS butter or coconut oil, melted
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- ¼ cup Vanilla Greek yogurt**
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- ¼ to ½ cup chocolate chips to mix in

**Instructions for Brownies**
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9x9” baking pan and set aside.
- Mix almond flour, cocoa powder and sea salt in a small bowl; set aside.
- Melt chocolate & coconut oil/butter together in the microwave until melted.
- Mix in sugar, Greek yogurt and vanilla.
- Mix in eggs, one at a time until the batter is completely smooth.
- Add dry ingredients, whisk until just incorporated.
- Add chocolate chips!
- Pour batter into prepared pan and bake for 20 to 25 minutes until the top is just barely set and the edges are slightly pulling away from the sides of the pan. (20 = gooier brownies)
- When brownies are finished baking, place the pan on a wire rack and cool.

**Ingredients for Ganache**
- ½ cup 4 ounces bittersweet chocolate, chopped
- ½ cup heavy cream, coconut cream, or half & half
- ½ tsp vanilla extract

**Instructions for Ganache**
- While the brownies are baking, make the ganache.
- Add heavy cream to a small saucepan and warm over medium-high heat until it just begins to bubble. Do NOT let it boil.
- Turn off heat and whisk in chopped chocolate and vanilla until the mixture is dark and smooth.
- Remove from burner and let cool slightly. The ganache thickens as it cools.