Session 11

******Success doesn't come to you...you go to it.⁹⁹

- Marva Collins



Review and Graduation

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Objectives

This session is designed to:

- Review information learned in Sessions 1 through 10 using games and activities.
- Recognize the group members' efforts and accomplishments.

Materials and Supplies

To conduct this session, you will need:

- "With Every Heartbeat Is Life" manual and picture cards
- Heart Health Bingo Facts (pages 347–348)
- Heart Health Bingo Cards (pages 349–363)
- Bingo card markers (pennies, dry beans, or other items)
- Pens
- Stamped envelopes
- *(Optional)* Food (if having a potluck)
- *Optional)* Small gift or certificate for each group member

Handouts

Give group members these handouts during this session:

- "Heart Health Bingo Facts" (pages 347–348)
- "Heart Health Bingo Cards" (pages 349–363)
- *(Optional)* "Letter to Myself: Sample" (page 364)
- "Letter to Myself" (page 365)
- "Certificate of Achievement" (page 366)*
- * Prepare the certificates (write in the name of each participant) before the session. You may photocopy the "Certificate of Achievement" handout (page 366), or you can buy certificates at an office supply store. Give each participant a certificate during the recognition part of this session.

Session Outline

Introducing the Session

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Review of Last Week's Session
- 3. About This Session

Conducting the Session

- 1. Heart Health Bingo[†]
- 2. Letter to Myself Activity

Recognition for Completing the With Every Heartbeat Is Life Project

(Optional) Potluck Meal

Closing

[†] Prepare the bingo cards and facts before the session.

1. Welcome

• Welcome group members to the session.

2. Review of Last Week's Session



Note: If group members went on a grocery store tour, ask them to share what they learned from the tour. If not, review Session 10.

Say:

During Session 10, we talked about how cigarette smoking can harm you. Who can name some of the harmful effects of smoking?



Note: Allow 3 to 5 minutes for group members to answer. Write their answers on the blackboard or on a large piece of paper taped to the wall.

Add these effects if they are not mentioned:

- Cigarette smoking can cause health problems, such as:
 - Heart disease Stroke Asthma
 - Cancer COPD (chronic bronchitis and emphysema)
- Cigarette smoking irritates the eyes and can trigger asthma attacks.
- Less serious, but very unpleasant, effects of smoking include:
 - Yellow stains on teeth and fingers
 - Bad breath
 - Poorer sense of smell and taste
 - Early wrinkling of the face
 - Many colds and sore throats

Ask:

How did you do with your pledge? Did you do one thing to quit smoking or to protect your family from secondhand smoke? Did anything work very well? Did anything cause a problem?

Note: Allow 5 to 8 minutes for group members to comment.

3. About This Session

Say:

Educator Marva Collins said, "Success doesn't come to you . . . you go to it."

Ask:

What does this quote mean to you?

Note: Allow 2 to 3 minutes for group members to answer.

Say:

During this session, we will go over information we learned in Sessions 1 through 10. Thank you all for taking part in the sessions. Congratulations on making the effort to learn how to lower the risk—for you and your families—of developing heart disease, stroke, and diabetes.

Conducting the Session

1. Heart Health Bingo

Note: Make one copy of the "Heart Health Bingo Facts" handout (pages 347–348) on stiff paper, and cut the paper on the dotted lines. Mix the pieces, and place them in a box. Also make one copy of each of the Heart Health Bingo Cards (pages 349–363) on stiff paper, and cut them out.

Give one card to each person. Give each group member nine pennies, dry beans, or other items that can be used to mark the cards.



We are going to play a bingo game to review facts about preventing heart disease, stroke, and diabetes. Here's how to play:

- To start, place a marker on the free space in the center of the card.
- Listen as the bingo caller reads facts about heart health. These facts will be drawn from a box.
- If the fact that is read matches a fact on your card, place a marker on it.
- If you get three markers in a row, call out "Bingo." The row can be up and down, across, or diagonal.

Hold up a card to show the group how the rows can look.

Note: Play two or three games as time permits. At the end of each game, have the group members turn in their cards for new ones. If possible, you may want to award small prizes to the winners.

2. Letter to Myself Activity



Note: Bring a stamped envelope and pen for each group member. If you have group members who do not write well, let them tell you the information, and you can write it down for them.

■ Give each group member a pen, the "Letter to Myself" handout (page 365), and a stamped envelope.

Note: You may want to **show** or **read** aloud the "Letter to Myself: Sample" handout (page 364) to give group members ideas.

Ask the group members to use the handout to list healthy changes they will continue to work on until these changes become habits.

Tell them to address the envelope to themselves and place the letter inside. Collect the sealed, self-addressed envelopes.





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Say:

I will mail your letter to you in about 3 months. Getting this letter will help remind you to keep using what you've learned in these sessions to care for your heart health.

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■ Show picture card 11.1.

Say:

Thank you for taking the time to attend and actively participate in the sessions. Now you are equipped with the knowledge and skills to live a heart healthy lifestyle. I hope you will use the information to help improve the heart health of you and your family.

(Optional) **Give** each group member a small gift of recognition.

Say:

Now, I would like to give each of you a certificate to honor your efforts and your achievements.

■ Call each group member's name and give each person a "Certificate of Achievement" (page 366) and, if you choose, a small gift of recognition.

Say:

I would also like to recognize you for completing your family health history activity during this training. Knowing your own family health history will help you take action to prevent and control your risk for heart disease and stroke.

Ask:

Does anyone want to share what you have learned about your family health history? Did you think the activity was helpful?





Note: Allow a moment for group members to respond.

Say:

Now, you have a chance to talk about what you have found helpful during this course. Would anyone like to share a short story about your family's reactions to your pledged activities?



Note: Allow a moment for group members to respond.

Say:

I would also like to know if you have done any activities from the "Tender Care for a Happy Heart" list that we saw in Session 2, Act in Time to Heart Attack Signs. How did you do with the actions for a happy heart? Are you listening to soft music? Have you planted a garden? Have you learned to breathe deeply? Have you shown gratitude to others? Which of these actions has affected you the most? Have you done any of these actions as a daily activity?

Note: Allow 2 to 3 minutes for group members to respond.

(Optional) Potluck Meal

Say:

Now is the time for the potluck meal. Place the dishes you brought on the table. We will begin the celebration.

Closing

Say:

Each of you has demonstrated today's quote: "Success doesn't come to you . . . you go to it." Throughout the course, you have remained dedicated to making healthy lifestyle changes for you and your family.

Say:

Thank you for coming and for completing the course. I wish everyone well, and I hope you continue your journey toward good health and a healthy heart.

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Note: Think about today's session and about all of the experience and knowledge you have gained during this training over the last few months. What do you think worked and what didn't work? What changed in your own life as a result of what you learned during these sessions?

Heart Health Bingo Facts

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Protect your heart. When the heart stops, life stops.	If your waist measurement is high, you are at risk for heart disease.				
Physical activity makes your heart and lungs stronger.	Each day, do at least 30 to 60 minutes of physical activity and encourage your children to be active for 60 minutes.				
A stroke happens when blood and oxygen can't get to the brain. The brain starts to die.	It is best to have a blood pressure reading below 120/80 mmHg.				
A blood pressure reading of 140/90 mmHg or greater is high.	Eat less salt and sodium to help prevent high blood pressure.				
Hypertension is another term for high blood pressure.	Heart attack warning signs are pain in the chest, arms, back, neck, or jaw; difficulty breathing; light-headedness; cold sweat; and feeling sick to your stomach.				
Use herbs and spices instead of salt.	If you are prescribed blood pressure or cholesterol medication, take it as the doctor tells you.				
Being overweight increases your risk of heart disease and diabetes.	Being overweight increases your risk of high blood pressure and high blood cholesterol.				
People with diabetes can die from heart disease or stroke.	If someone is having a heart attack or stroke, do not drive them. Call 9–1–1 right away.				
To lose weight, cut down on portion size and be more active.	The food label gives the serving size and the number of calories in a serving.				
A BMI (body mass index) tells you if you are overweight. A BMI under 25 is a healthy weight.	Eat more fruit each day. Have a banana with your cereal for breakfast.				

Heart Health Bingo Facts (continued)

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Eat more vegetables each day. Have a salad for lunch.	When eating out, order baked, broiled, or grilled foods to cut down on fat and calories.
To save food dollars, plan weekly menus. Shop with a list!	Try fruit and fat-free yogurt for snacks.
Smoking causes serious health problems such as heart disease and lung cancer.	Pregnant women should not smoke.
Children of smokers are more likely to become smokers.	A desirable LDL (bad) blood cholesterol level is below 100 mg/dL.
Prediabetes means that you are on the way to developing diabetes. Act now—lose weight if overweight and become active.	Cholesterol can clog your arteries and cause a heart attack or stroke.
The signs of diabetes are increased thirst, hunger, and urination; fatigue; weight loss; blurred vision; and sores that don't heal.	Trim visible fat from meat before cooking.
Use the food label to choose foods lower in saturated fat, <i>trans</i> fat, and cholesterol.	Saturated fat is found in high-fat meat, cheese, milk, and butter.
High blood pressure makes your heart work harder.	Cook more food than you need and freeze part to use when you don't have a lot of time to cook.
Vegetables and fruits are naturally low in fat.	Drain meat after it is cooked to get rid of some of the fat.
A healthy triglyceride level is less than 150 mg/dL.	To prevent diabetes, keep your weight down and be physically active.







Heart Health Bingo Card 4



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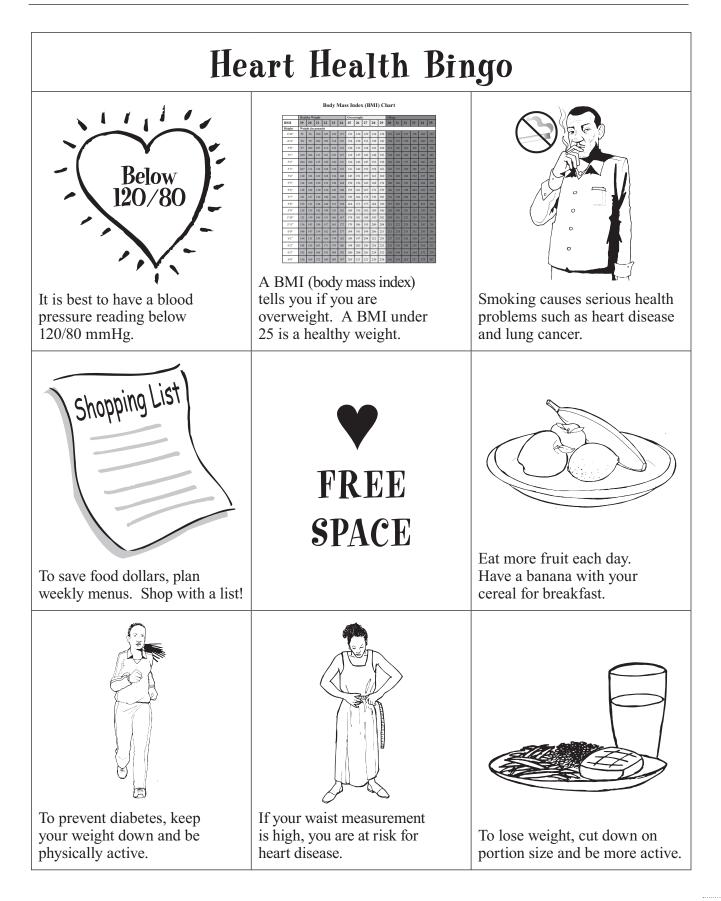








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Heart Health Bingo Card 12



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Letter to Myself: Sample

I have learned that I can do many things to improve my health and lower my risk of developing heart disease. I can help my family members make healthy choices, too. During the next 3 months, I will try to do these things to care for my heart:

- 1. At work, I will use the stairs instead of taking the elevator.
- 2. <u>I will eat 2 cups of fruit (an orange and an apple) every day.</u>
- 3. When eating out, I will choose foods that are baked, broiled, or grilled.
- 4. <u>I will switch to reduced-fat (2%) milk for 1 month, then to low-fat (1%) milk for 1 month,</u> and finally to fat-free milk.
- 5. <u>I will have my blood pressure checked at the local clinic.</u>

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Signed	Robert Hall
Date	8/15/2007

Letter to Myself

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