### What is Osteoporosis?

The word Osteoporosis means "porous bone."

Under a microscope, bone looks like a honeycomb. If you have Osteoporosis, your bones have bigger holes and spaces in the honeycomb than healthy bone.

This means your bones have lost density and, as a result, your bones become weak and may break more easily. Bone loss occurs without symptoms which is why it is often called the silent disease. Fortunately, Osteoporosis is a disease you **CAN** do something about!

### **Treatment**

Even though there is currently no cure, Osteoporosis can be treated, and broken bones can be prevented. Recognition of risk factors, education, exercise, and making healthy lifestyle choices can help prevent osteoporosis.

## How do I get started?

#### Call RSVP @ 518-884-4110

We will send you the Medical Clearance Form to be filled out by your doctor and an Informed Consent Form to be completed by you.





## Healthy Bones for Life!

The Healthy Bones for Life Exercise and Education Program is a free, communitybased program designed for men and women who are 55+. The exercise program consists of weight-bearing exercises, muscle strengthening, flexibility, posture training, and balance exercises. These exercises, along with a healthy diet rich in Calcium and Vitamin D, have been shown to help maintain and improve bone health.

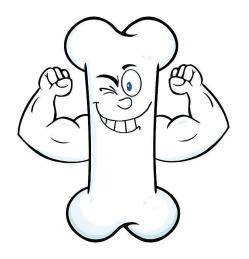
This is a low-impact program using both hand and leg weights that are provided at each site.

The KEY to success is a commitment to attend classes twice weekly for a minimum of 6 months!

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## **Healthy Bones for Life**

#### Osteoporosis Exercise & Education Program

Keeping your Skeleton Strong AND Helping your Bone Health

A free exercise program offered in partnership between:

RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program)

&

Saratoga County Department of Aging and Youth Services

## Free Exercise Classes

# Site Locations

#### **Clifton Park Senior Center**

6 Clifton Common Court Clifton Park, NY 12065

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 2:30pm-3:30pm

#### **Greenfield Community Center**

25 Wilton Road Greenfield Center, NY 12833 Monday and Wednesday 9:00am-10:00am

#### Halfmoon Senior Center

287 Lower Newtown Road Waterford, NY 12188

Monday and Wednesday 9:30am-10:30am

\*\*Day, time, and location are subject to change\*\* *Please call Donovan @ 518-884-4110 for more information.* 

#### Malta Community Center

1 Bayberry Drive Malta, NY 12020

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00am-10:00am

Wednesday and Friday 10:00am-11:00am

#### **Moreau Community Center**

144 Main Street South Glens Falls, NY 12803

> Tuesday and Friday 8:30am-9:30am

#### Saratoga Senior Center

290 West Avenue, Suite 1 Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Monday and Friday 10:00am-11:00am

Before beginning classes, please fill out and return the following documents:

- \* Informed Consent
- \* Medical Clearance

Call RSVP @ 518-884-4110 to obtain these documents

#### Saratoga Town Hall

12 Spring Street Schuylerville, NY 12871

Monday and Thursday 9:00am-10:00am *Please note new time!* 

#### **Shelly Park Community Room**

19 Elm Street Gansevoort, NY 12831

Tuesday and Friday 8:30am-9:30am

#### **Wilton Firehouse**

270 Ballard Road Wilton, NY 12831

Monday and Thursday 10:00am-11:00am