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AMERICAN PARKINSON DISEASE ASSOCIATION

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Community Exercise & Wellness Programs for people with **PARKINSON'S DISEASE**

Wednesdays & Fridays 12 – 1:30 pm October 12 – November 18, 2022 Greater Holyoke YMCA

Have you had difficulty beginning or sustaining a regular exercise program? Would you like to improve your posture, balance and mobility?

The Greater Holyoke YMCA and the American Parkinson's Disease Association, Massachusetts Chapter are teaming up to offer a bilingual (Spanish/English) 6-week exercise and information program for people living with Parkinson's Disease. Our hope is to continue to expand services to reach underserved, and underrepresented people with Parkinsons Disease.

This exercise program is supported by research and has been shown to improve functional mobility, decrease Parkinsons symptoms, and slow the disease progression.

Participants will;

- Enjoy a community of people with Parkinsons
- Learn and master an exercise program specific to Parkinsons
- Improve walking speed and confidence
- Improve balance and posture
- Learn Problem-solving approaches and strategies that can help you move more easily

To Qualify:

- Participants must have a diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease.
- Be able to walk independently with or without a device.
- Novice and experienced exercisers are welcome!

For more Information please contact:

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Scholarships are available and will be considered individually

Instructors

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