

# EVERYDAY EXERCISES FOR OLDER ADULTS TO DO AT HOME

#### WHEN EXERCISING, REMEMBER TO:

- » Check with your healthcare provider before you start a new exercise program.
- » Wear comfortable, supportive footwear.
- » Use a firm, stable chair or counter top for support.
- » Start with 5 repetitions of each exercise. Add 1 or 2 everyday until you reach 15 repetitions.
- » Be aware that muscle soreness after exercise is normal.







### **SIT TO STAND**

- » Sit in a chair, feet hip-width apart
- » Slowly stand up half way
- » Make sure your knees do not come forward past your toes
- » Keep your hips, knees, and ankles in line
- Stand up straight and tall, then return to seated position
- » Repeat up to 15 times



#### STANDING LEG CURL

- » Stand with feet hip-width apart, hold a counter for support
- » Shift weight onto one leg
- » Bend other knee
- » Raise heel toward buttocks as far as it is comfortable
- » Return to starting position
- Repeat on each leg up to 15 times



### **SIDE LEG LIFT**

- Stand with feet together, hold a counter for support
- » Shift weight onto one leg
- » Raise the other leg out to the side
- » Keep your back straight and tall
- » Slowly return leg to the floor
- Repeat on each leg up to 15 times



# **HEEL RAISE**

- » Stand with feet hip-width apart
- » Hold on to counter and look forward
- » Slowly raise both heels off the floor, standing on toes
- » Hold for 5-10 seconds
- » Return to start position
- » Repeat up to 15 times



# **TOE RAISE**

- Stand with feet hip-width apart
- » Hold onto counter and look forward
- » Slowly raise toes off the floor, putting weight onto heels
- » Hold for 5-10 seconds
- » Return to start position
- » Repeat up to 15 times





## **WALL PUSH-UP**

- Facing a counter, stand arms' length away and place hands on the counter's edge, and shoulder-width apart
- » Tighten the abdominal muscles
- » Keeping back and legs straight, bend elbows while lowering upper body toward the counter
- » Hold for 2-3 seconds
- Straighten arms pushing against the counter and return to starting position
- » Keep elbows slightly bent
- » Repeat up to 15 times





