

## DOING WELL

*So glad you're here!*

Let's talk about relationship wellness. So excited to merge my two coaching focuses into the topic for this month; but then again, they've always been connected. As I practiced wellness coaching, the health of one's relationships was always right at the top few matters that needed tending, on our road to health & wellness. It is well researched that people who have healthy relationships and strong social connections live longer, have better physical and mental health, lower rates of anxiety and depression, and higher self-esteem.

It was not so long ago that the Covid epidemic and the resulting social isolation brought to light the immense impact of loneliness. It not only created emotional damage, but was the leading cause of depression, which leads to a myriad of additional issues including poor sleep, lowered immune system, and suicide.

We keep the torch lit for romantic relationships in the month of February, but this month I want to steal some of that light to champion wellness for all relationships. The health of our relationship with anyone (friend, family members, partner, work colleagues) has such a major impact every day. You may not notice when these relationships are good, but let anyone of them become problematic, and you have to manage it every single day....UGH!! I promise you that there is damage being done.

So, let's tune into the many ways in which we can better all of the relationships in our lives!

Stay well!

## **The Power of Connection: How Relationships Impact Your Mental Health**

Humans are social creatures. From childhood, we crave connection and belonging. It's no surprise then that the quality of our relationships significantly impacts our mental well-being. Strong, supportive relationships can act as a buffer against stress, boost our self-esteem, and provide a sense of purpose and security. Conversely, unhealthy or strained relationships can take a toll on our mental health, contributing to feelings of isolation, loneliness, and even anxiety and depression.

### **The Positive Impact of Strong Relationships:**

- **Reduced stress and anxiety:** Supportive relationships provide a safe space to share burdens and worries, helping us feel less alone and overwhelmed.
- **Enhanced self-esteem:** Feeling valued and appreciated by others fosters a positive self-image and boosts confidence.
- **Greater resilience:** Strong social connections provide support and encouragement during challenging times, helping us bounce back from setbacks.
- **Increased happiness and well-being:** Sharing positive experiences and laughter with loved ones strengthens our sense of joy and fulfillment.
- **Improved physical health:** Studies show that strong social connections can even lower blood pressure and strengthen the immune system.

### **The Dark Side of Unhealthy Relationships:**

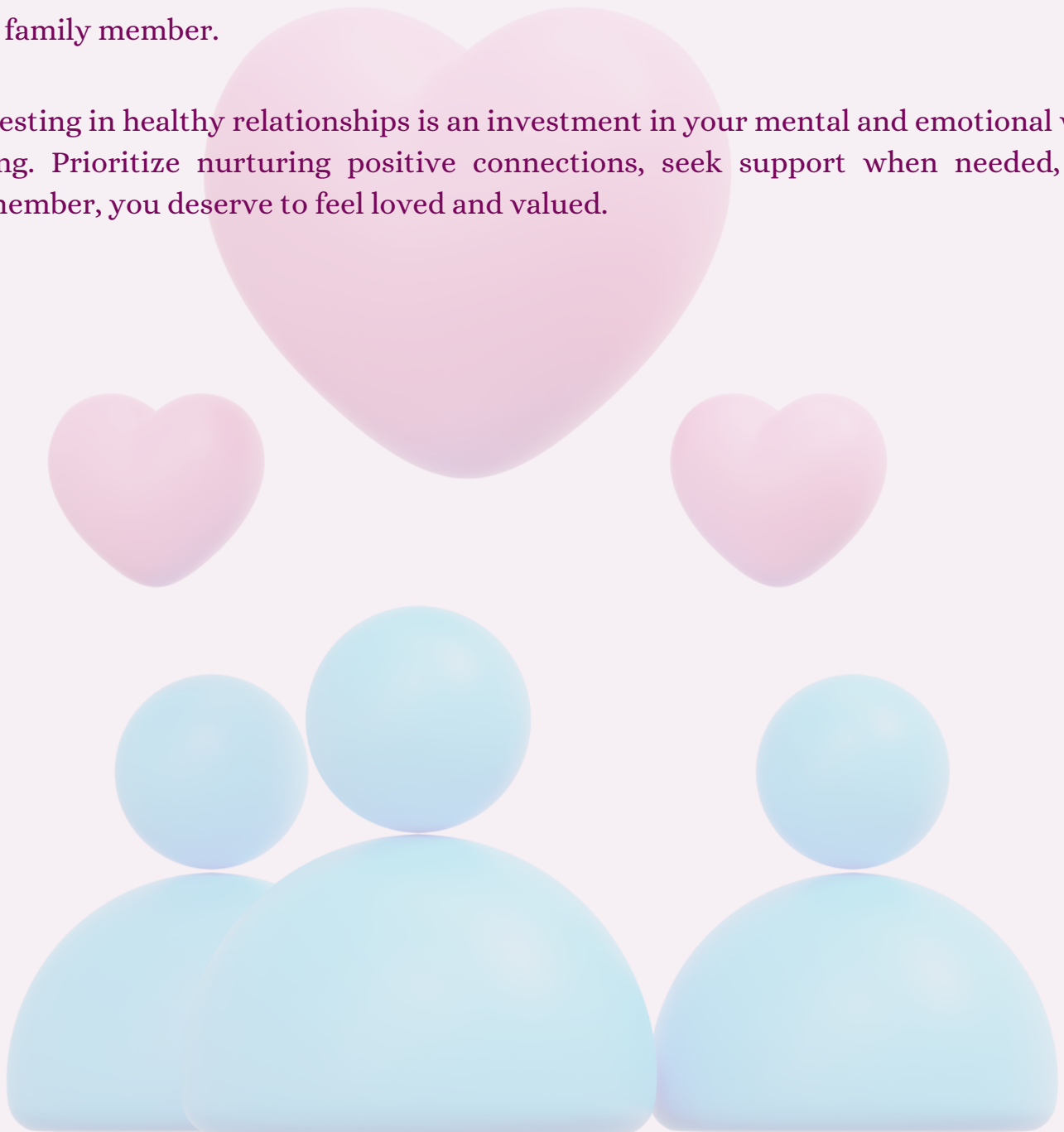
- **Increased stress and anxiety:** Constant conflict, criticism, or manipulation in relationships can be a major source of stress and anxiety.
- **Low self-esteem:** Verbal abuse, gaslighting, or neglect can chip away at self-worth and erode confidence.
- **Loneliness and isolation:** Feeling unheard, unsupported, or emotionally distant from loved ones can lead to intense feelings of loneliness.
- **Depression and other mental health problems:** Toxic relationships can contribute to the development or worsening of depression, anxiety, and other mental health issues.

## The Power of Connection: How Relationships Impact Your Mental Health (cont).

### **Remember:**

- **Quality matters more than quantity:** Having a few close, supportive relationships is more beneficial than having many superficial ones.
- **Not all relationships are created equal:** It's important to identify and set boundaries with unhealthy or toxic relationships that drain your energy and harm your well-being.
- **Help is available:** If you're struggling in a relationship or feeling isolated, don't hesitate to reach out for help from a therapist, counselor, or trusted friend or family member.

Investing in healthy relationships is an investment in your mental and emotional well-being. Prioritize nurturing positive connections, seek support when needed, and remember, you deserve to feel loved and valued.





## Relationship Savvy

*“YOUR RELATIONSHIPS ARE A REFLECTION OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOURSELF”*

Relationship Savvy is focused on improving the ever dynamic yet fundamentally important relationship with yourself and the people in your life. Whether you utilize the free tools an assessments or sign up for a more intensive program or coaching session, don't let anymore time go by without investing in better relationships. Available Free Tools:

- Relationship Readiness Quiz
- Relationship Assessment for Couples
- Dating Red Flags Checklist
- Communications Map
- and more

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## Care Conversations

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

Join us at the next Care

Conversations with Cynthia & Jocelyn where we will come together to highlight and uplift Relationship Wellness.

**FLYER AND REGISTRATION**



**FREE RESOURCE**

### **DETOX YOUR RELATIONSHIPS EXERCISE**

Create a different level of awareness when it comes to your relationships. Use this exercise to identify those people who inspire and lead you onto better things, and notice those who pull you down. This exercise will help you naturally start making different choices about who you spend your time with.

**INSTANT DOWNLOAD**

# Upcoming



## In Northern Virginia



### Black History Month Expo

Douglass Community Center  
405 E Market Street  
Leesburg, VA 20176

February 17th 1:30p - 4:30p

Stop by my table for free  
assessments, information & prizes



### Real Self Care: The Program

Invest eight weeks of valuable time to find out what exactly is 'real' self-care, identify areas where you need to give yourself more, and develop your personal care plan.

[Learn more](#)



### Uncomfortable Conversations

Difficult conversations are a part of life. Whether it's with a family member, friend, colleague, or customer, there will be times when you need to have a conversation that's uncomfortable or challenging.

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### Getting Ready For Love

This 8-week program is a deep dive into seeing, developing, expanding your vision for what you want in life and love and getting clear on how to get it.

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