Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
(7)						1-Dec
Project Open H						Yogurt Herb Chicken Breast
meals with love	WD HDM DELIVERY MENU: DECEMBER 2024				Barley, Asparagus & Broccoli Italian-Style Tomato, Peppers & Mushroom Sauce	
				For Inquiries contact: Miguel Hurtado at 415-655-1361		Milk Half Pints Applesauce Cup
!-Dec	3-Dec	4-Dec	5-Dec	6-Dec	7-Dec	8-Dec
Beef Stew	Cumin-Spiced Chicken Thigh	Smoky Chicken & Lentil Stew	Baked Cod	Rustic Turkey, Tomato & Pep Stew	Pork, White Bean & Artichoke Stew	Garlic & Herb Chicken Breast
Brown Rice	Quinoa & Brown Rice	Brown Rice	Dijon Mustard Sauce	Creamy Polenta w/Cheese	Brown Rice	Mushroom Sage Gravy
filk Half Pints	White Bean & Vegetable in Turmeric Yogurt Sauce	Garden Mixed Vegetables	Brown Rice	Broccoli	Carrots	Quinoa, Edamame & Greens
range	Carrots and Applesauce Cup	Milk Half Pints	Lentil, Tomato & Spinach Stew	Milk Half Pints	Milk Half Pints	Cajun Corn, Peas & Lima Beans
	Milk Half Pints	Fruit Cup	Milk Half Pints and Orange	Applesauce Cup	Orange	Milk Half Pints and Fruit Cup
Dec	10-Dec	11-Dec	12-Dec	13-Dec	14-Dec	15-Dec
eef, Tomato & Lentil Stew /hole Wheat Rotini	Chicken Thigh Mild Green Sauce	Pork & White Bean Green Chili Quinoa, Edamame & Greens	Baked Salmon Creamy White Cheese Sauce	Turkey Meatloaf Eggplant Mushroom Sauce	Chicken & Tomato Herb Stew Creamy Polenta w/Cheese	Garlic & Herb Chicken Breast Creamy Basil Sauce
arden Mixed Vegetables	Brown Rice	Roasted Root Veg Medley	Whole Wheat Rotini	Herbed Bulgur	Garden Mixed Vegetables	Barley w/Mushrooms
ilk Half Pints	Roasted Sweet Potatoes	Milk Half Pints	Broccoli	Peas & Carrots	Milk Half Pints	Capri Mixed Vegetables
oplesauce Cup	Milk Half Pints and Fruit Cup	Applesauce Cup	Milk Half Pints and Orange	Milk Half Pints	Orange	Milk Half Pints and Applesauce Cu
-Dec	17-Dec	18-Dec	19-Dec	20-Dec	21-Dec	22-Dec
eef Stroganoff 'hole Wheat Rotini	Rosemary Chicken Thigh Quinoa, Edamane & Greens	Pork & Black Bean Mole Quinoa	Baked Salmon Orange Tofu & Edamame	Turkey Tetrazzini Whole Wheat Rotini	Chicken Fajita Stew Brown Rice	Garlic & Herb Chicken Breast Paprikash Sauce
roccoli	White Bean & Spinach Ragout	Broccoli	Brown Rice	Broccoli	Carrots	Quinoa Brown Rice
lk Half Pints	Milk Half Pints	Milk Half Pints	Brussel Sprouts	Milk Half Pints	Milk Half Pints	Brussel Sprouts
range	Applesauce Cup	Orange	Milk Half Pints and Fruit Cup	Orange	Applesauce Cup	Milk Half Pints and Orange
-Dec	24-Dec	25-Dec	26-Dec	27-Dec	28-Dec	29-Dec
eef & Barley Stew	Mustard Glazed Chicken Thigh	Chicken, Broccoli & Cheddar	Cod Filet	Chipolte Beef & Turkey Meatloaf	Pork & Barley Stew	Balsamic Chicken Breast
oasted Sweet Potatoes	Brown Rice	Whole Wheat Rotini	Macanese Curry	Red Mole Sauce	Roasted Sweet Potatoes	Broccoli Pesto
lk Half Pints	Veggie Ragout	Milk Half Pints	Quinoa Brown Rice	Quinoa Brown Rice	Milk Half Pints	Whole Wheat Rotini
ange	Milk Half Pints	Orange	Milk Half Pints	Garden Mixed Vegetables	Applesauce Cup	Root Vegetables
	Applesauce Cup		Fruit Cup	Milk Half Pints and Orange		Milk Half Pints and Orange
)-Dec	31-Dec					
eef Birria	Roasted Chicken Thigh	Please Note:				
own Rice	Brown Rice	, ,	or all target nutrients excep	Project	rt Open Hand	
arrots	Chipotle Chili Gravy	Vitamin D. The Project Open Hand Dietitian will provide nutrition education about how to ensure you are meeting Project Open Hand meals with love				
ilk Half Pints	Succotash					
range	Milk Half Pints and Applesauce Cup	your daily V	itamin D needs.			

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Lunch Menu

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Nutrition for Managing Diabetes: A Balanced Approach

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Managing diabetes is complex, but understanding nutrition can be a powerful tool to make it more manageable. When balanced and mindful, your diet can help you maintain stable blood sugar levels, boost your energy, and reduce the risk of diabetes-related complications. Here are some key principles that can empower you to manage diabetes through nutrition.

1. Balanced Meals

A balanced diet rich in whole foods is your friend in maintaining steady blood sugar levels. It's not about what you can't eat but about the variety of foods you can enjoy. Whole grains, vegetables, fruits, legumes/pulses, and nuts are excellent choices. Aim to fill half your plate with non-starchy vegetables, a quarter with whole grains or starchy vegetables, and the remaining quarter with lean protein.

2. Carbohydrate sources

Carbohydrate-containing foods can significantly impact blood sugar. Whole foods such as whole-wheat bread, brown rice, quinoa, and sweet potatoes release glucose slowly, providing a steady energy source. Foods like white bread, white rice, and freshly cooked potatoes can raise blood sugar quickly. However, cooking white rice and potatoes then cooling them can alter their structure, turning them into what is called a resistant starch. Resistant starch resists absorption providing the benefit of minimizing your body's blood sugar response. An example would be potato salad.

3. Consider Portion Sizes

Portion control is crucial for managing diabetes. Even healthy foods can lead to elevated blood sugar levels if consumed in excess. A simple guide is to use your hand: a closed fist for carbs such as pasta or rice, a palm-sized portion for protein such as chicken or fish, and a thumb-sized amount for fats such as salad dressing or mayonnaise.

4. Limit Added Sugars and Processed Foods

Reducing added sugars and highly processed foods can help stabilize blood sugar levels. Try to choose food and drinks with minimally added sugar or those that are sugar-free. Water is always the best choice for hydration!

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