WEEK 2: Take Advantage of Your Time at Home Series

Ok, it’s week 2, and we’ve made it through! Staying inside does have it’s challenges, but taking advantage of this time at home can be fruitful.

1. **This week is NATIONAL CLEANING WEEK!**

   Let’s take a look at specific spaces within your home:

   - **HOME OFFICE** go through all your old papers and files, what stays vs. what can go? Make a pile of items you can shred, create new labels for all your files

   - **CLOSETS** We can start with the pantry in your kitchen – organize the shelves, cereal on one shelf, can goods on another etc. If you have lots of shelves, and items, do you need to do labels? Do all your canned goods face front? Do you have a “grocery reorder board” when items run out?

2. **STAY SOCIAL!** (even when social distancing!!) There are so many apps, here are some examples of a few to get you started:

   - **MARCO POLO APP** – great for sending video messages to individuals
   - **GOOGLE HANGOUTS APP** – great for video chatting with multiple parties
   - **FACEBOOK MESSENGER APP** – easy to use, group video calls, you can check on others, or use it for business

   NOTE: Be Proactive, and set weekly “Check-in Sessions” with friends/family to make sure everyone is doing ok,

3. **BACK-TO-THE-BASICS – OLD SCHOOL**

   - **FOLLOW a ROUTINE** while at home, it’s important to set some daily goals (individually and as a family) Exercise – in your basement, garage, or go take a walk outside.

   - **SEND A LETTER** or **EMAIL** to someone you haven’t in a while. Sending a hand written personal note will increase positivity during this uncertain time.

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