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Superpowers, Strength, and Everyday Heroes

Every year on April 28, we celebrate National Superhero Day, a time to honor both the fictional heroes who inspire us and the real-life heroes who make a difference in our world. **First recognized in 1955, this day serves as a powerful reminder that courage, strength, and selflessness are qualities we all admire**, whether they exist in comic books or in everyday life.

Superheroes first soared into popularity in the 1930s and 40s, with iconic characters like Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, and Captain America making their debut. With extraordinary abilities—flying, super strength,

invisibility, and mind-reading—these heroes became symbols of hope and justice.

While we celebrate these fictional icons, **let's also take a moment to honor the everyday heroes among us, including nurses, EMS, firefighters, police officers, and first responders.** They may not wear capes, but their superhuman strength and resilience are on display every day. Whether they're saving lives, protecting our communities, or providing care in moments of crisis, they embody the same values of courage, sacrifice, and selflessness that we admire in our favorite superheroes.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

The ability to heal? To fly? To be invisible? Or perhaps the strength to lift entire buildings with ease? While most of us won't develop superhuman abilities, we all possess unique strengths that have the power to create change.

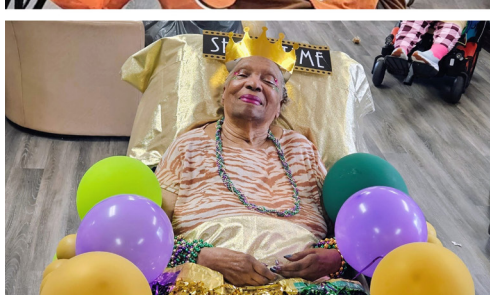
There is a bit of a superhero in all of us. We may not wear capes or leap tall buildings, but through acts of kindness, resilience, and perseverance, we can make a lasting impact.

This National Superhero Day, take a moment to celebrate the heroes—both fictional and real—who inspire us to be braver, kinder, and stronger. And remember, the world could always use another hero.

Maybe that hero is YOU!



PHOTO ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MONTH

Disabilities, illnesses, and injuries can often cause difficulties in daily living. Activities such as bathing, getting dressed, cooking, or driving may be challenging. Occupational therapy is a beneficial resource for addressing these challenges and improving capabilities.

Occupational therapy practitioners help their patients accomplish their goals through a variety of methods, including:

- Demonstrating exercises that will help increase mobility
- Developing techniques to aid concentration, memory, and executive function
- Recommending appropriate adaptive equipment such as eating aids, shower chairs, or walkers, and teaching the patient how to use the equipment
- Recovering and improving the patient's skills through the therapeutic use of daily activities
- Intervening with preventative measures or exercises to reduce the risk of future illness or injury



April is Occupational Therapy Month and is a great time to show appreciation for the occupational therapy practitioners who help people live their lives to the fullest.



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WORD SEARCH Find and circle the 15 words listed below. Find words straight across, up and down, and diagonally. All words are forwards reading only. No backwards. Good luck!



WORD LIST

- ART
- CREATE
- EARTH
- ENERGY
- EVERYDAY
- GREEN
- HERO
- LAUGH
- PHOTO
- POWER
- REDUCE
- STORIES
- SUPER
- THERAPY
- VOLUNTEER