**American Heart Month**

Your heart is one of your hardest working muscles, but all that work can take a toll. Not treating your body right can quickly lead to serious heart issues. In fact, heart disease accounts for 1 in 4 deaths in the United States.

Luckily, it doesn’t take much to help your ticker. This American Heart Month, make time for your heart and consider implementing some life changes. You can prevent heart disease by making healthy choices like eating balanced meals, exercising, quitting smoking and visiting your doctor regularly. Remember that making these changes could save your life!

Speak with your doctor to discuss a heart-healthy regimen for you. For more information about keeping your heart healthy, visit [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org).

**Take Action**

Awareness only goes so far toward improving your health—you also need to take action. Use this section to track your weekly progress as you establish your healthier lifestyle.

Week 1 (2/2-2/8) – **Create a wellness plan**

*What do you want to improve this month? Set a short-term health goal and a plan for achieving it.*

Week 2 (2/9-2/15) – **Get started**

*Are you ready? Begin your plan and stick to it.*

Week 3 (2/16-2/22) – **Look for improvement**

*How are you doing? Think about what’s working with your plan and if you need to adjust it.*

Week 4 (2/23-2/29) – **Reflect**

*Did you reach your goal? Consider what worked with the plan and what should change next month.*