Summer of Gratitude

Week 4 - Gratitude Improves Health

- Less Medical Attention
 - Keeping a gratitude journal can improve your body's biochemistry.
 - Focusing on the positive things in life can improve your HDL and LDL cholesterol levels and lower blood pressure.
 - These improvements can reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease.

- Other improvements include:
 - Lower levels of the stress hormone cortisol
 - Reduced risk of experiencing depression
 - A reduction in dietary fat
 - Increase optimism and reduction of hopelessness for those with suicidal thoughts
 - Lowered A1c levels.
- <u>Read more here.</u>

<u>Need ideas for your gratitude journal?</u> Who or what are you grateful for that keeps the doctor away?