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If you want to get healthy, you just might not want to go to your community to create health is far greater than any phys

You are more likely to be overweight if your friend's, fri  
Your social networks may matter more than your genet  
likely to as well. So get healthy friends.

In the fall of 2010, I had dinner with Rick Warren, the pe  
California. He came to see me to get healthy "and h

Over a healthy dinner of beet and cabbage autumn sou  
experiment for sustained personal growth and change.  
met every week in their community to study, learn and

In a flash, in that moment, I envisioned using those sam  
of that meeting, with Drs. Mehmet Oz and Daniel Amer  
physical and spiritual health and renewal that would be  
"Plan" after the first health support group created by De  
food and were healthier for it.

On the day we launched *The Daniel Plan* at Saddleback  
participate in small groups, track their progress and be  
The groups are supported by a weekly curriculum, lear  
the first year the congregation has already lost over 250  
overnight.

### Community: The Best Medicine for Chang

The seed of this idea started in my mind when I went to  
*Partners in Health* have created a powerful and success  
most impoverished nations in the world.

The brilliance of the vision wasn't coming up with a nev  
simple idea: The missing ingredient in curing these pati  
someone to "accompany" them to get healthy.

Recruiting and training over 11,000 community health v  
patients with the most difficult to treat diseases in the v  
treatment.

The same vision can be applied to our current diabetes

care institutions or corporations. What has been proven to work are community centers, faith-based centers, schools – all of which are moving toward sustainable behavior and lifestyle change.

The cure for obesity and diabetes is not a mystery, just a scientific mystery. Knowing how to effectively get it to work is a lifestyle change, we know how to deliver the information and solutions outside of large institutions.

### **What the Research Shows: Community Support**

Here's what the data show to date with more studies on lifestyle change and medication, even though many still use less than optimal medication.

The landmark 2002 study based on the *Diabetes Prevention Program* at the National Institutes of Health proved that lifestyle intervention was as effective as medication to prevent diabetes in those with prediabetes.

With regular lifestyle support and education, participants reduced their risk of developing diabetes by 58 percent. This lifestyle-based approach was the most effective in the Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) study. (iii)

The current *Look Ahead Study* funded by the National Institutes of Health is an intensive group lifestyle change program for diabetes prevention. It is more effective in lowering weight, cholesterol, blood sugar, and blood pressure than individual counseling.

Once this study is completed, it will completely change the way we think about intensive lifestyle change like the one modeled by Dr. Dean Ornish. It is more effective and will save more lives and more money than medication and environmental factors.

Many other community-based programs have been proven to be effective. This approach based on one-on-one counseling visits with dietitians and other health professionals.

Here's what some of the studies showed:

1. *The Montana Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes Prevention Program* (v) demonstrated that lifestyle change can be applied successfully in a real-world setting in group settings. Education was delivered in 16 weekly classes and resulted in a 10 percent reduction in body weight, and blood pressure, cholesterol, and triglycerides.
2. *The Healthy Living Partnerships to Prevent Diabetes* (vi) used health workers (patient's peers) to support long-term lifestyle change. A 16-hour training program given by registered dietitians helped groups of patients succeed in a 16-week core curriculum. After the initial 16 weeks of meetings, there was a 10 percent reduction in body weight, and blood pressure, cholesterol, and triglycerides. The program addresses not only nutrition, but also physical activity and behavior change rooted in beliefs and attitudes about self-efficacy. A Health sponsored study of 300 people found that the intervention group had a 10 percent reduction in body weight compared to 7 percent of the control group. The cost to deliver this program is significantly lower than medication.
3. *The DEPLOY study* (ix) successfully partnered with local health departments on the Diabetes Prevention Program.
4. Group programs have also been delivered with success in other settings.
5. *The Logan Healthy Living Program* (xi) successfully reached socially disadvantaged patients with type 2 diabetes. The program included 12 home visits and 12 phone calls over 12 months.
6. *The Healthy Lifestyle Change Program* (xii) in California showed that for people with obesity or at high risk for diabetes they could achieve a 10 percent reduction in body weight, and blood pressure, cholesterol, and triglycerides. An increase in physical activity in a seven-month, two-year program was that peer "mentors" led this group intervention.
7. *The PATHWAYS study* (xiii) delivered a 14-week weight loss program to people with obesity or at high risk for diabetes. The program included 14 home visits and 14 phone calls over 12 months.

American women at risk for diabetes delivered through health workers). The women lost an average of 5 percent by 58 percent.

8. In other studies scientists also effectively implement both volunteer healthcare professionals (xiv) and lay
9. Group school lifestyle change programs in the poor improvements in weight, body, fat, fitness level and

## **Building Connection and Community to C**

This movement is starting to spread. Doctors frustrated illness, obesity, and diabetes are starting small groups with nutrition, cooking, shopping, exercise, stress management

Two Portland doctors came up to me after a lecture I gave Hispanic women with chronic symptoms, obesity, and I successfully guided these women to health in a program the program based on *The Blood Sugar Solution* (which

Their group of 20 women met weekly for 5 classes, their loss ranged from 5 to 20 pounds, blood pressures dropped scores dropped significantly.

Much can be done with a little help from your friends.

These examples represent just the beginning of what is possible with connection. I met with human resource and benefited workforce. A survey of their “Googlers” discovered the

Social networks and groups are spontaneously sprouting cannot only help facilitate democratic revolution in countries purpose to reclaim their health. Think “Occupy Health

With the shift in health care policy prohibiting insurers from insurance and the mandate for universal coverage, they promote promotion. Large insurers like United Health Care (xvi) based programs to address the tsunami of disease and

This community based group approach solves many problems in the care system. Even though doctors are the main place with training in lifestyle change, lack the time, resources, and sustainable lifestyle change.

Currently physicians and healthcare organizations have proven solution to provide their patients. Telling their

You need to build yourself a support system to succeed in goals. It might be just one person, a self-guided support community health worker, or a health professional, or even you.

I strongly recommend you develop this kind of community

1. **Success requires it.** As we have seen, studies through groups and community support.
2. **Our world needs it.** If we don't do something Remember, projections suggest that by 2020 *half* of avert this disaster.

Start by finding people who will do the program with your support you through the process. Ask your friends, family can still be successful following this program by yourself others in community.

My personal hope is that together we can create a nation

treatment, and reversal of our *diabesity* epidemic.

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