## **TESTIMONIAL**

I must admit I was skeptical at first, but after my first weigh-in I was convinced this program was for me. With the 60 pounds I've lost so far, I have also had other benefits. My blood pressure and glucose levels are lower and I now sleep better at night. For the first time in years I feel good about myself. I can't believe I am saying this, but I enjoy working out for the first time in my life. I would recommend this program for anyone wanting to be healthier.

-Tammy Riley

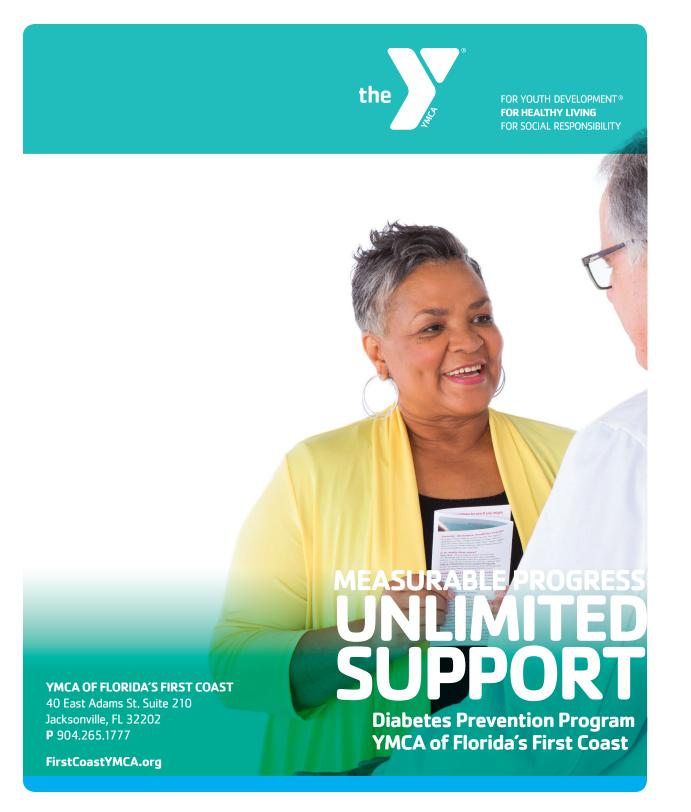
YMCA of Florida's First Coast and the National Council of Young Men's Christian Association of the United States of America ("YMCA of the USA") have made a commitment to collaborate with the nation's YMCAs on efforts to support a national movement to increase awareness and take measures to prevent diabetes and its complications among groups at risk, and to help support treatment outcomes for individuals who have confirmed diagnoses or indications of prediabetes by promoting an effective lifestyle change. YMCA of the USA nor any YMCA offering the YMCA's Diabetes Prevention Program warrants or guarantees any specific outcomes for program participants with respect to diabetes prevention.

The Y is a leading nonprofit committed to improving the nation's health. Financial assistance is available to those who qualify. Please contact the Y for more information.

For information about the YMCA's Diabetes Prevention Program and to recommend your patients, please contact:

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**86 million Americans** age 20 and older, have prediabetes more than 1 in 3 but only 10% of people know they have it. Without weight loss and moderate physical activity, 15% to 30% of people with prediabetes will develop type 2 diabetes within 5 years. Physicians like you know the toll this disease takes on individuals, families and even communities.

# CONNECT PATIENTS TO BETTER HEALTH

Patients look to you—their trusted health care provider—for information on promoting health and preventing chronic diseases.

After assessing your patients' risk for type 2 diabetes and testing for prediabetes, you can feel confident that referring them to the **YMCA's Diabetes Prevention Program** may reduce their chances of developing type 2 diabetes and provide them tools for living happier and healthier.

## MEASURABLE PROGRESS, UNLIMITED SUPPORT

The YMCA's Diabetes Prevention Program focuses on small, measurable, reasonable goals to give participants confidence so they can make the necessary changes to reduce their risk for type 2 diabetes and live healthier lives.

The group support participants receive helps to keep them motivated and encouraged. You can feel confident that the patients you refer will spend a year surrounded by supportive people with common goals.

### **EFFECTIVELY REDUCES RISK**

The YMCA's Diabetes Prevention Program is a one-year, community-based program where participants work in small groups with a trained Lifestyle Coach in a relaxed, classroom setting. In 25 sessions, participants learn how to incorporate healthier eating, moderate physical activity, and problem-solving and coping skills into their daily lives.

Your patients will get the hands-on support they need from Lifestyle Coaches trained on a CDC-approved curriculum that is part of the CDC-led National Diabetes Prevention Program.

Based on research from the National Institutes of Health, programs like YMCA's Diabetes Prevention Program reduce new cases of type 2 diabetes by 58% overall and 71% in individuals over age 60.

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## MEASURABLE GOALS, GROUP SUPPORT, IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE

The program is a lifestyle change program that keeps participants engaged. Studies show that engaged participants enjoy lower health care costs and more desirable long-term health outcomes.

### **PROGRAM DETAILS**

The program emphasizes two primary goals for the first half of the program: reduce body weight by 7% and increase physical activity by 150 minutes per week. To sign up, participants must be:

- at least 18 years old;
- overweight (BMI ≥ 25)\*, AND
  - diagnosed with prediabetes via a blood test or gestational diabetes<sup>†</sup>;
  - if a blood test is not available, a qualifying risk score.

## **BE THEIR HELPING HAND**

The YMCA's Diabetes Prevention Program helps participants see the progress they make and encourages them to support each other. You can be the link between your patients and this program for healthier living.

Referring a patient is simple. We will provide you with information about the program and its benefits to share with your patients. You will use the form included in this brochure to recommend them to a local program.

# YMCA'S DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM PARTICIPANT RECOMMENDATION FORM:

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| NAME:  |  |
|--|--|
| PHONE NUMBER:  |  |
| BIRTHDATE:   |  |
| FEMALE MALE  |  |
| HEIGHT:  | WEIGHT:  |
| BMI:   |  |
| LAB VALUES OR I<br>Please check each box<br>if possible: | <b>DIAGNOSIS</b> that is true, and provide a value |
| A1C: (must be 5.7%-6.4%)                                 |  |
| FASTING PLASMA G (must be 100–125 m                      |  |
| 2-HOUR (75 gm glu<br>PLASMA GLUCOSE:                     | cola)  |
| (must be 140–199 mg                                      | g/dL)  |
| PREDIABETES DETE DIAGNOSIS OF GEST DURING PREVIOUS       | TATIONAL DIABETES (GDM)                            |
| HEALTH CARE PROVIDER SI                                  | IGNATURE   |
| PATIENT SIGNATURE  |  |
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## Y MEMBERSHIP IS NOT REQUIRED

Financial assistance may be available. Some health plans cover this program as a benefit.

<sup>\*</sup> Asian individual(s) BMI  $\geq$  22

<sup>†</sup> Individuals who have already been diagnosed with either type 1 or type 2 diabetes do not qualify for this program.