10 Benefits of Social Relationships

People thrive when we get and give ample social support — that feeling of being cared for, listened to, and loved.

Having a good quantity and quality of social relationships enriches our lives in numerous ways.



Strong social connections can:



Increase your lifespan by 50%¹

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Improve your physical health



Brighten your mental outlook



Boost your self-esteem



Facilitate greater empathy



Help you better recover from disease



Foster a sense of meaning and purpose in your life



Trigger the release of stress-reducing hormones²



Provide a heighted sense of security and belonging



Shape your health throughout the course of your life³

Sources: ¹Scientific American; ²Harvard Medical School; ³National Institutes of Health.

Discover the steps you can take to build and strengthen social connections at CommitToConnect.org.

Social ties affect our mental and physical health, as well as our mortality risk.

