Villages offer the opportunity to broaden the experience and possibility of aging in place and community. Villages have grown exponentially in the past few years as a “go to” model to allow older adults the opportunity to be engaged in their communities and their own aging process. The Village model embraces and leverages the social capital within communities to ensure older adults have access to services, supports and the social connections they need to support healthy aging.

Specifically the Villages can:

**Improve Access to Aging and Health Care Services**
- Meeting needs
- Improving ability to access needed services
- Reducing cost of services

**Build Age Friendly Communities**
- Increasing opportunities for civic engagement
- Building social capital to strengthen communities

**Reduce Social Isolation**
- Promoting empowerment of older adults
- Participation in meaningful roles

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**Value of the Village Model – Supporting Aging in Community**

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**Social Impacts of Village Membership**
- 79% know more people than they used to
- 60% feel more connected with other people
- 41% feel less lonely
- 37% leave their home more than they used to

**Well-Being Impacts**
- 51% report improved quality of life
- 46% say they are happier
- 35% say their health is better

**Service Access and Efficiency Impacts**
- 82% are more likely to know how to get assistance when they need it
- 77% know more about community services
- 44% use community services more
- 29% have an easier time taking care of home
- 25% have an easier time taking care of themselves