

# WHY WEALTH + HEALTH?

"Investing in your health is just as critical as investing in your retirement...this represents the future of sound advice."

– Joseph CoughlinDIRECTOR, MIT AGELAB



# THE WEALTH + HEALTH CONNECTION

WE BELIEVE WEALTH AND HEALTH ARE INEXTRICABLY LINKED, AND THAT LIVING WELL TOMORROW STARTS WITH THE HABITS WE CREATE TODAY.

- It's an idea rooted in research by Stanford Center on Longevity, MIT AgeLab, and others.
- Good health allows people to enjoy their wealth.
- We can build deeper relationships by helping clients build better habits.

#### THE PILLARS OF WEALTH + HEALTH



Savings + Fitness

Enjoying a long life requires both the physical health to stay active, and money to support ourselves. ■ discipline

Budget + Nutrition

We can save more, exercise more, just "do" more, but living a great life means living with balance.



Insurance + Prevention

Life's unpredictable, but being prepared helps keep everyone calm and cool when things get hectic.



Debt + Stress

Life can seem overwhelming at times, but a clear path forward is all we need to climb mountains.

### THE WEALTH + HEALTH CONNECTION

30 %

The average life expectancy in America has increased by almost 30 years over the last century.<sup>1</sup>

**10**k

People who take at least 10,000 steps a day are 21% more likely to maintain a budget.<sup>2</sup>

**\*6k** 

How much you can save each year with healthier habits.<sup>3</sup>

**\$2.5k** 

Savings in annual medical costs for those with heart cardiovascular disease who exercise regularly.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Gerontological Society of America, "Optimizing Health in Aging Societies," 2015

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Communicating on Wealth and Health, Deloitte Consulting LLP

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experience, 2016

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> American Heart Association, 2016

# WEALTH + HEALTH IN THE WORKPLACE

In a recent PwC survey, 46% of workers said they spend three or more hours **during the workweek** taking care of financial issues.<sup>1</sup>

Workers who report high financial stress are twice as likely (48%) as non-stressed workers (24%) to **use sick time** when they aren't sick.<sup>2</sup>

As of 2010, up to half of all premature deaths in the U.S. are due to preventable factors such as poor diet and lack of exercise.<sup>3</sup>

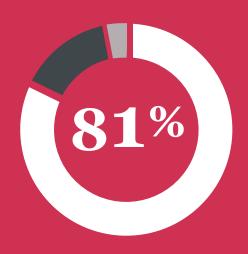
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> PwC. 2016

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Finding the Links Between Retirement, Stress, and Health," Lockton, 2016

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Measuring the Risks and Causes of Premature Death: Summary of Workshops", National Research Council (NRC) and Institute of Medicine, 2015 For financial professional use only. Not for use with the public.

# A PATH TO A HEALTHIER BUSINESS

# CLIENTS WANT MORE THAN 'A NUMBERS PERSON'



More than 4 in 5 people say it would be very valuable for a financial professional to consider their health when building their financial strategy.

Luntz Global Partners/Transamerica Wealth and Health Survey, 2016

### **MAKING THE CONNECTION**

Acknowledging the bigger picture in your clients' lives shows a level of commitment, separating you from the pack.

People can save up to \$6,000 a year with healthier habits. That's \$6,000 more that could be under your management. What would that add up to over a lifetime?

Rutgers New Jersey
 Agricultural Experience, 2016

An affluent 25-year-old will live six years longer than someone the same age who is less financially secure. Longer client life, longer professional relationship.

Virginia Commonwealth University
 Center on Society and Health,
 "Income and Health Initiative," 2015



# **CONVERSATION STARTERS**

Talking about wealth + health naturally leads to conversations about how Transamerica can help clients.

#### **SOME THOUGHT-STARTERS:**

- Discuss all of the benefits of Wealth + Health, even if only handling the plan
- Talk about what clients are doing to improve their health habits and encourage positive behaviors
- How to help keep up with inflation as people live longer and help clients' money last as long as they do
- How better health can help make life insurance more accessible and more affordable

