GLOBAL NETWORK MEMBERS

United States:

- **Achilles International**  
  *Description:* Achilles International is a worldwide organization, represented in sixty countries. Its mission is to enable people with all types of disabilities to participate in mainstream athletics, promote personal achievement, enhance self esteem, and lower barriers.  
  *Location:* New York, NY  
  *Contact:* Megan Wynne Lombardo, mlombardo@achillestrackclub.org  
  *Website:* [www.achillestrackclub.org](http://www.achillestrackclub.org)

- **Diabetes Sisters**  
  *Description:* The mission of Diabetes Sisters is to unite and empower women with diabetes through peer support and education. The organization strives to improve the health and quality of life of women living with or at risk of developing diabetes, and to advocate on their behalf. Diabetes Sisters provides programs and services to women with diabetes around the world, including online community, an International Diabetes Buddy Program, blogs and a free Medication & Appointment Reminder Program sent via text, email, or phone.  
  *Location:* Durham, NC  
  *Contact:* Brandy Barnes, director@diabetessisters.org  
  *Website:* [www.diabetessisters.org](http://www.diabetessisters.org)

- **KDI Health Solutions**  
  *Description:* KDI Health Solutions is an emerging provider of preventive and chronic care management healthcare services to employer groups and physician practices. KDI’s Doctor of Pharmacy clinicians provide true community-based, face-to-face healthcare delivery programs that improve the health of employer and physician populations. Services include flu, shingles, and pneumonia immunizations, health screenings, disease education programs and medicine use and behavior modification counseling.  
  *Location:* Raleigh, NC  
  *Contact:* Lisa Padgett, ladamspadgett@kdihealthsolutions.com  
  *Website:* [www.kdihealthsolutions.com](http://www.kdihealthsolutions.com)

- **Oregon Research Institute**  
  *Description:* Oregon Research Institute (ORI) is a charitable 501(c) 3 organization created in 1960 and dedicated entirely to the study of human behavior. Through rigorous scientific investigations, ORI research scientists study such topics as behavioral problems in children, chronic physical illness in adults, teen substance abuse, and adolescent depression. The institute’s research fosters greater understanding of the causes, prevention, and treatment of social and medical problems, ultimately enhancing quality of life and productivity for people of
all ages. ORI’s work directly affects everyone by providing effective tools for better health and education.

**Location:** Eugene, OR  
**Contact:** Deborah Toobert, deborah@ori.org  
**Website:** www.ori.org

- **Thurston County Public Health and Social Services**
  
  **Description:** The Chronic Disease Prevention program strives to prevent chronic diseases, such as asthma, diabetes, and heart disease, among the men, women, and children of Thurston County. We are highly committed to developing programs that encourage behavior and community changes as a means to support lifelong healthier living.
  
  **Location:** Thurston County, WA  
  **Contact:** Lesley Wigen, WigenL@co.thurston.wa.us  
  **Website:** www.co.thurston.wa.us/health/personalhealth/chronicdiseaseprevention/index.html

- **YMCA of the USA**
  
  **Description:** The YMCA of the USA is the national resource office for the nation’s YMCAs. Located in Chicago, with satellite offices across the country, the YMCA of the USA exists to serve YMCAs. We are working with local YMCAs that are engaging with the Hispanic/Latino and African-American populations in helping them to try out the promotores de salud concept as an approach to making lifestyle behavior changes.
  
  **Location:** Chicago, IL  
  **Contact:** Terrence Roche, terrence.roche@ymca.net  
  **Website:** www.ymca.net

**Mexico:**

- **ReMeDi**
  
  **Description:** ReMeDi es una organización privada preocupada por el bienestar de los pacientes con el padecimiento de diabetes mellitus, es un centro en donde se atiende la investigación, la educación y el área clínica. Todo enfocado a la diabetes y sus complicaciones. Para este centro lo primero son las personas y la calidad en la atención a quienes acuden aquí.
  
  ReMeDi is a private organization dedicated to the well-being of patients suffering from diabetes. The center conducts research, education and clinical practice, all focused on diabetes and its complications. Emphasis on the individual and quality of the care are the most important aspects of its mission.
  
  **Location:** Pachuca, Hidalgo, México  
  **Contact:** Berenice León López, berenice.leonlopez@gmail.com; Carolina Valero Olmedo, karovalero@gmail.com or karovalero@peersforprogress.org  
  **Website:** www.remedi.org.mx
Asia:

- **Anhui Provincial CDC**
  *Description:* The Anhui Provincial CDC conducts a community-based, peer-led support program on diabetes self-management in three different kinds of communities in the Anhui province in China.
  *Location:* Anhui, China
  *Contact:* Xuefeng Zhong, zxf@ahcdc.com.cn

- **Tung Wah Eastern Hospital**
  *Description:* Tung Wah Eastern Hospital provides both inpatient and outpatient services to the community of the Hong Kong East Cluster. The Diabetes Centre was established in 1992 and provides a wide range of consultation, health education and complication screening services, including diet counseling, exercise classes, healthy cooking classes, and community health talks. A group of diabetes patients formed a support group, which has been active for more than 10 years with an outreach program, holiday gatherings and running group. Several patients are interested in using the peer support model to organize additional programs such as psychological support for new insulin users.
  *Location:* Hong Kong
  *Contact:* Carmen Wong, wongkw@ha.org.hk
  *Website:* [www.ha.org.hk/tweh/index_e.htm](http://www.ha.org.hk/tweh/index_e.htm)

- **Delhi Diabetes Research Centre**
  *Description:* The Delhi Diabetes Research Centre has been active in the field of diabetes care and management since 1985. The DDRC organizes and conducts educational and awareness programs for patients with diabetes. Its goals include helping people manage the day-to-day problems associated with diabetes, providing financial support for people who cannot afford care, and educating schoolteachers about diabetes.
  *Location:* New Delhi, India
  *Contact:* Ashok Jhingan, ak_jhingan@yahoo.com
  *Website:* [www.ddrc.in](http://www.ddrc.in)

Europe:

- **International Diabetes Federation**
  *Description:* The International Diabetes Federation (IDF) is an umbrella organization of over 200 national diabetes associations in over 160 countries. It represents the interests of the growing number of people with diabetes and those at risk. The Federation has been leading the global diabetes community since 1950. IDF’s mission is to promote diabetes care, prevention and a cure worldwide.
  *Location:* Brussels, Belgium
  *Contact:* Ronan L’Heveder
Website: www.idf.org

- **VU Medical Center**
  
  *Description:* Part of the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, the VU Medical Center is a scientific institute that conducts research on patient empowerment. One of its current scientific programs is a peer support group for people with diabetes and sexual dysfunction.  
  
  *Location:* Amsterdam, Netherlands  
  
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  *Website:* www.onderzoekinformatie.nl/en/oi/nod/organisatie/ORG1237369/