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## **Join LOWLINC in Celebration of Aging In Community**

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As LOWLINC celebrates its first year of helping senior Lake residents stay in their homes as long as possible, the "village" movement we are part of is celebrating its 15th year. The first village, Beacon Hill in Boston, enrolled its first members in February 2002. Today, there are more than 200 open villages and more than 150 in development in 45 states, serving more than 40,000 members.

This important 15-year anniversary is being celebrated with an event that will be broadcast to villages across the country, including LOWLINC. The featured speaker is renowned surgeon, public health researcher and writer, Dr. Atul Gawande. He will speak about the value of community and the importance of maintaining autonomy as we age. He includes the Village Model as an option for assisting older adults in their efforts to continue living in independently and purposefully their communities.

LOWLINC is pleased to offer this live-stream broadcast to all LOW residents as part of its speaker programs for LOWLINC members. The event will be held Monday, February 13, at the LOW Community Center. It will begin with a social hour from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., followed by the broadcast from 5:00 to 6:00. This will be an outstanding opportunity to discover what this Aging-in-Community Village Movement is all about. Please call Sparkle at 1-855-LOWLINC (569-5462) to reserve your spot.