**Communal Strength: A scale to measure the extent to which people assume responsibility for a partner’s welfare in a communal relationship**

**ORIGINAL SOURCE & EVIDENCE FOR ITS VALIDITY CAN BE FOUND IN**:

Mills, J., Clark, M.S., Ford, T., & Johnson, M. (2004). Measurement of communal

strength. Personal Relationships, 11, 213-230.

**SCALE:**

1. How far would you be willing to go to visit \_\_\_\_\_?
2. How happy do you feel when doing something that helps \_\_\_\_\_?
3. How large a benefit would you be likely to give \_\_\_\_\_?
4. How large a cost would you incur to meet a need of \_\_\_\_\_?
5. How readily can you put the needs of \_\_\_\_ out of your thoughts?\*
6. How high a priority for you is meeting the needs of \_\_\_\_\_?
7. How reluctant would you be to sacrifice for \_\_\_\_\_?\*
8. How much would you be willing to give up to benefit \_\_\_\_\_?
9. How far would you go out of your way to do something for \_\_\_\_\_?
10. How easily could you accept not helping \_\_\_\_\_?\*

NOTE: Items 5,7, and 10 are reverse scored. The instructions given are as follows:

Keeping in mind the specific person, answer the following questions. As you answer each question, fill in the person’s initials in the blank. Circle one answer for each question of the scale from 0=not at all to 10=extremely before going on to the next question. Your answers will remain confidential.

With slight rewording (as indicated below) this scale also may be used to measure people’s perceptions of their relationship partner’s felt communal strength toward them.

1. How far would \_\_\_\_ be willing to go to visit you?
2. How happy does \_\_\_\_\_feel when doing something that helps you?
3. How large a benefit would \_\_\_\_ be likely to give to you?
4. How large a cost would \_\_\_\_\_\_ incur to meet a need of yours?
5. How readily can \_\_\_\_\_ put your needs out of his/her thoughts?\*
6. How high a priority for \_\_\_\_\_ is meeting your needs?
7. How reluctant would \_\_\_\_\_ be to sacrifice for you?\*
8. How much would \_\_\_\_\_ be willing to give up to benefit you?
9. How far would \_\_\_\_\_ go out of his or her way to do something for you?
10. How easily could \_\_\_\_\_ accept not helping you?\*