



National Kidney Foundation®
of Illinois

Walk for Kidneys



FY 2022

ANNUAL REPORT



NATIONAL KIDNEY
FOUNDATION
of Illinois

A MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

Investing in Kidney Health

We express appreciation to everyone engaged with our mission during this past fiscal year. As we continue to emerge from the pandemic, identifying new opportunities to reach and positively impact our kidney communities and to activate all components of our mission requires a collective resolve, reevaluation, and reinvestment in resources. **Kidney disease did not take a break.** COVID-19 contributed to an increase in acute kidney injuries, a residual increase in chronic kidney disease, and health challenges to those with immunocompromised systems - like kidney transplant recipients. Within Illinois, approximately 3 million people are at risk for kidney disease and 34,000 people are in kidney failure, requiring dialysis or living with the life-saving gift of a kidney transplant. There is a strategic imperative to change the trajectory of kidney disease towards kidney health.

As we focused on strategies to enhance our impact, we conducted a "listening tour" with key stakeholders. We identified the need to amplify the educational messages surrounding prevention, early detection, moving kidney care up the continuum, expanding treatment options for patients, and supporting research to improve the health and well-being of persons at risk for or affected by kidney disease. The health equity challenges surrounding kidney disease further refined our communication strategy to target our messaging, education, screening, and outreach to the most at-risk communities throughout the State of Illinois. Forming new partnerships, strengthening our collaboration with existing partners, and initiating a formal public relations campaign defined our strategy and engagement.

During the fiscal year, NKFI participated as a community organization in the Illinois Public Health Association's COVID-19 Pandemic Navigator program in 3 regions within the State. We partnered with Baxter, Inc. in a pilot project to help develop Black K.A.R.E.: a resource that focuses on kidney health in the Black community. In the Fall, NKFI launched Kidney Health For LifeSM, a focused campaign to educate people of color on what kidney disease is and promote healthy kidney nutrition and lifestyle practices. Understanding the importance of hearing, receiving, and developing strategies to expand and enhance our community impact, plans were initiated to form our inaugural NKFI Community Advisory Board.

We could not launch these valued initiatives without the support of our board, staff, donors, and partners. We appreciate your engagement in the mission, and we invite new partners on the journey as we support our kidney communities and engage in strategies to promote Kidney Health for LifeSM.

Sincerely,



Jill M. Schaaf
NKFI Board President



Jacqueline Burgess-Bishop, FACHE
CEO- NKFI

NKFI STATS

AT A GLANCE

45 **KIDNEYMOBILE® SCREENINGS HELD STATE-WIDE**
1,393 **PARTICIPANTS SCREENED** for kidney disease, diabetes & hypertension
53% with at least one **ABNORMAL RESULT**

2,024 participants attended
our **HYBRID PATIENT
PROGRAMS** held in-
person and virtually

426 **RENAL PROFESSIONALS**
attended hybrid continuing
education events, held in-
person and virtually

\$129,000 awarded in
RESEARCH GRANTS

1,000 participants (virtual and in-
person) attended the 2021
WALK FOR KIDNEYS

32 partnerships with Illinois **COMMUNITY-
BASED ORGANIZATIONS**

15,000+ **PEOPLE REACHED** through 41
community outreach events

STORIES OF IMPACT

The National Kidney Foundation of Illinois pursues its mission of Prevention, Education and Empowerment through the efforts of volunteers, advocates, community partners, and members of Team Kidney. Together, we work to create new resources for patients and families affected by kidney disease, and drive the future of treatment, research, and community health.

ENCOURAGING PREVENTION

NKFI partnered with Baxter, Inc. as the subject matter expert for their **Black K.A.R.E** (Kidney Awareness Resources and Education) project. Baxter's goal to raise awareness about kidney disease in the Black community led them to partner with The Central Area of The Links, Incorporated. Members of The Links are the "boots on the ground", tasked with sharing kidney health information provided by NKFI and Baxter.

NKFI created an online facilitator training module, facilitator handbook, and website as a toolkit for The Links to use as they take the message of kidney health into their communities. 1300 Links members were trained in total. Six of the Illinois Chapters hosted 14 **KidneyMobile®** screenings, contributing to the more than 51,000 people reached across 15 states.

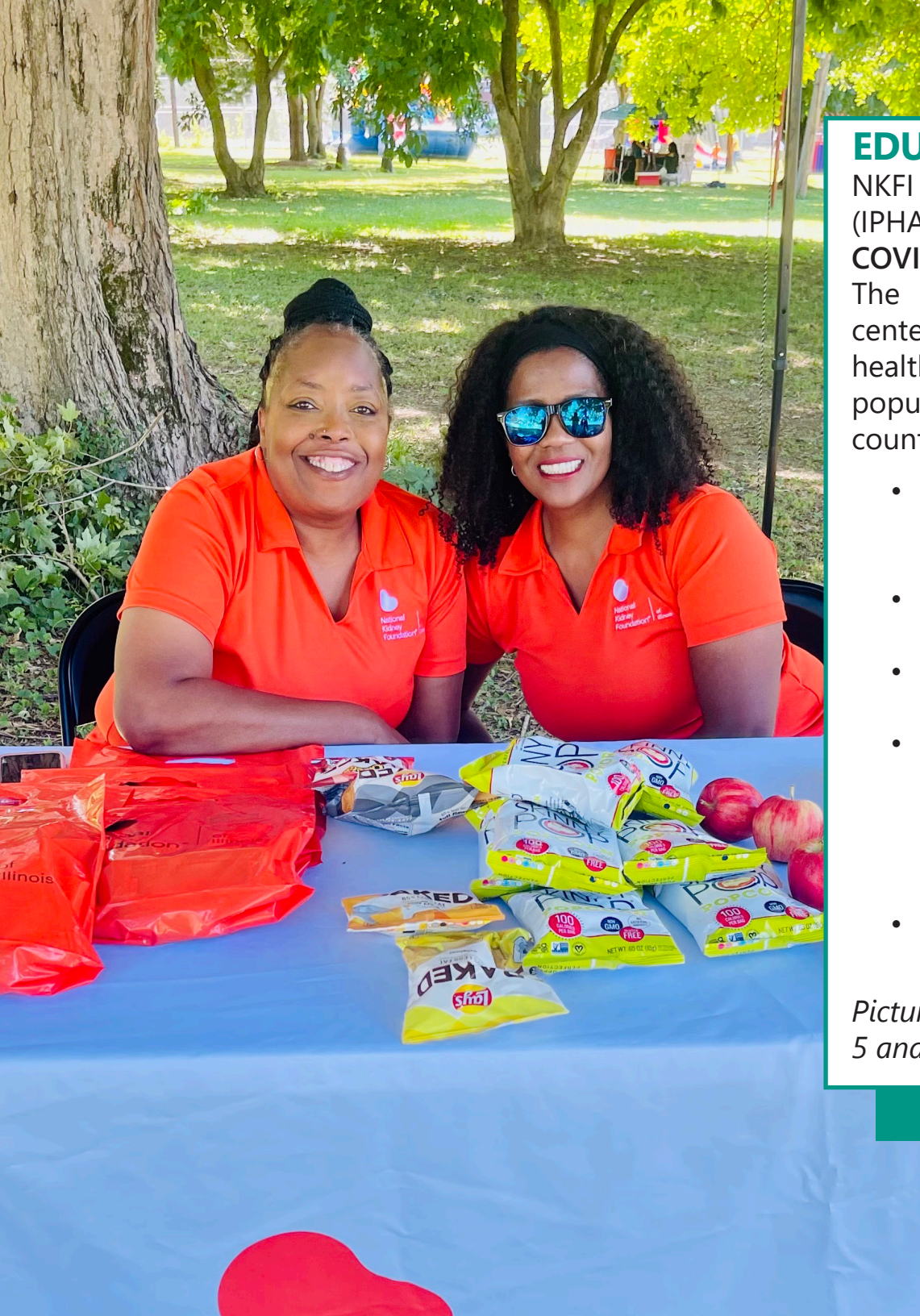
The Black K.A.R.E initiative aims to improve kidney health in the Black community, encourage early diagnosis and intervention of chronic kidney disease, its risk factors, complications and treatment. The goal is also to reduce the risk of kidney failure and improve outcomes for those living with chronic kidney disease.

Pictured l-r NKFI CEO Jackie Burgess Bishop with Links, Inc. sisters Karen Ortman, and Avis LaVelle





Team "Do It For Don" were the 2021 Walk for Kidneys top fundraisers! They raised a total of \$19,294 in honor of Don Shapiro (fourth from left, red hat) who is still waiting for his life-saving kidney transplant.



EDUCATING EVERY CORNER OF ILLINOIS

NKFI participated in the Illinois Public Health Association (IPHA)/Illinois Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA) **COVID-19 Pandemic Health Navigator (PHN) Program**. The PHN Program integrated community health centers, community-based organizations, and public health partners to coordinate resources for vulnerable populations impacted by COVID-19. NKFI served 29 counties throughout Illinois (in Regions 4, 5, and 9) and:

- Participated in 28 outreach events to provide information and education about kidney health and COVID-19
- Partnered with 23 community-based organizations to host 26 KidneyMobile™ screenings
- Foundation Dietitian Dr. Melissa Prest facilitated a lunch and learn to discuss kidney-healthy eating.
- Distributed approximately 1,045 IPHA outreach kits containing personal protective items (masks, hand sanitizers) and information about kidney disease, COVID-19, vaccines, and the impacts of COVID-19 on kidney health
- Responded to 131 resource request referrals from individuals impacted by COVID-19

Pictured, l-r: Jowanna Whitfield, NKFI contractor in Region 5 and NKFI Program Manager Angelique Marseille.

Nos interesa
tu salud
¡dale!



MÉXICO
CONSULADO GENERAL EN CHICAGO

Every Wednesday, NKFI Outreach team members bring information about kidney health to the Mexican Consulate in Chicago. People waiting for services are able to learn more about NKFI and its programs. The Mexican Consulate is a valued partner in spreading the message of kidney health.

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EMPOWERING NEW AUDIENCES

The NKFI's **Kidney Health For LifeSM** campaign was launched in October 2021 with the goal of enhancing our presence in Black, African American, Hispanic, and Asian communities and carrying our message to a wider audience via community engagement, faith-based outreach, digital media, social media influencers and traditional media to get tested, schedule regular doctor visits and embrace healthy nutrition and lifestyle practices.

One key component of the campaign is community health talks that are held at places

of worship and community events in key cities throughout Illinois. Participants get first-hand information from doctors and medical experts and when possible, experience delicious cooking demonstrations.

Through this campaign, NKFI is elevating our commitment to close the information gap on understanding this disease and its risks, serving as a relevant and accessible resource on what you need to know about kidney disease and starting the conversation on kidney disease prevention and healthy lifestyle choices.

KIDNEY HEALTH *For Life*

The 36th Annual Gift of Life Gala theme was "Bridging the Gap to Kidney Health." Dr. Ngozi Ezike, the now former director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, received the Gift of Life Award for her resilient leadership during the pandemic and her support of the **KidneyMobile™** program.





INCREASING ACCESS AND AWARENESS

Making information about diet, healthy living, and prevention free and accessible to all is of the highest priority. NKFI offers free dietary consultations to all through our Foundation Dietitian, Dr. Melissa Prest. Dr. Prest is an accomplished and widely-published renal dietitian. Through her consultations, CKD patients, transplant candidates, and even a few potential living donors have accessed the dietary information needed to improve their health outcomes.

Latino and Hispanic Americans statistically have higher instances of chronic kidney disease. Increasing access to preventative information in Spanish speaking communities is key in helping to bring those numbers down. **Salud Renal y Mas**, a monthly show on Facebook, and **El Viaje Continua**, a podcast, are produced entirely in Spanish, reaching audiences where they are.

Pictured: Foundation Dietitian Dr. Melissa Prest sharing nutritional information with World Kidney Day participants.

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Trilla Kidney recipients

Andrew Trilla Sr, John (Babe) Trilla Sr,
John Trilla Jr, Tommy Trilla, Nancy Trilla
Donors: Pam Trilla, Gina Trilla, Ed Muisenga Jr

Thank you for the gift of Life!

In October 2021, Village of Willowbrook Mayor Frank Trilla and his family hosted a fundraiser at their family business, King Car Wash in Westmont, that benefitted NKFI.

Between car wash proceeds and silent auction sales, the fundraiser raised nearly \$70,000! Six Trilla family members are transplant recipients and four are living donors.



OUR FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

When you give a gift to the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois, you impact thousands of lives across the state of Illinois. Your support for our mission allows us to provide free community health programs, drive research, and advance patient care and treatment.

TOTAL YEAR-END NET ASSETS*

\$8,319,796

SUPPORT & REVENUE

CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions & Bequests \$380,280

Special Events \$714,773

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

Government Grants \$628,446

Program Services \$532,912

Total Grants & Contributions \$2,256,411

OTHER REVENUES

Other \$255,420

Net Investment Gain \$28,903

Total Other Revenue \$284,323

TOTAL REVENUES AND SUPPORT

\$2,540,734

EXPENSES

OPERATING EXPENSES

Program Services \$2,275,650

Fundraising Expenses \$388,438

Management & General \$230,261

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$2,894,349

**The net assets of a nonprofit organization are the value of the organization's assets minus its liabilities*

Contributions
14.6%

Special Events (net)
27.5%

Government Grants
24.2%

Other Income
10.9%

Program Sponsorships
22.8%

Fundraising
13.4%

Management and General
8%

Program Services
78.6%

Total Income
\$2,540,734

Total Expenses
\$2,894,349

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\$20,001+

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