



National
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FY 2020
ANNUAL
REPORT

A MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

Planning...Pivoting...Resilience

We begin our annual report by expressing gratitude for the valued relationships renewed, reengaged and developed to contribute to actionable outcomes in support of the mission of the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois (NKFI). This past year, the NKFI Board, Staff staff and partner organizations completed our Fiscal Year 2020-2022 Strategic Plan. Through the strategic planning process, we reaffirmed our mission and vision, defined our core values of integrity, respect, learning, partnership and inclusivity and established our strategic priorities. While the plan is valuable, it cannot be executed without engaged board members, a dynamic and motivated staff team, and committed volunteers. Together, we continue to move NKFI initiatives forward in the pursuit of kidney health.

Moving Forward with the Mission

Adopting a public health model this year, over 50 communities experiencing health disparities and economic challenges throughout the State of Illinois were targeted for kidney disease screenings through our **KidneyMobile®** program. NKFI established a new **Innovations Research Grant** during FY 2020. Initial funding to launch the grant was received from generous donors, Paul and Joan Rubschlager. NKFI continued to offer culturally competent and age appropriate programming to individuals and their families impacted by kidney disease. **Kidney Camp** increased the number of participants, including out of state campers. In partnership with the National Kidney Foundation, NKFI launched one new program this year, “**The Big Ask, The Big Give**”, promoting living organ donation and invested in staff

training to support the patient empowering **Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP - renamed “Take Charge”)** scheduled to launch next fiscal year. **The Living Donor Protection Act** was signed into law in fiscal year 2020 and will provide protections for those who choose to selflessly give the gift of life. The legislative significance of the need to build on prevention and education initiatives to fight kidney disease, particularly in communities of color began to work its way through the Illinois legislature under the leadership of Illinois State Senator Mattie Hunter with bi-partisan support. The **NKFI Advocacy** team participated in drafting content for the legislation.

An Unexpected Pause...A Resilient Response

The last month of our fiscal year (March 2020) presented the world with the COVID-19 pandemic requiring robust shelter in place mandates resulting in economic disruption across the state and the country. The NKFI Board and staff identified contingency plans to keep staff, participants, and volunteers safe, pivot to virtual platforms for programs and events, and identify new or creative opportunities for funding.

The journey continues to change the trajectory of kidney disease toward kidney health. We appreciate your continued engagement in partnership with us.

Sincerely,
Tipu Puri, MD, PhD
NKFI Board President

Jacqueline Burgess-Bishop, FACHE
CEO- NKFI



“Being made aware of kidney disease when there is still time to do something about it might be empowering and could help people to take control of their health and take care of their kidneys.”

Dr. Tipu Puri, NKFI Board President



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INTRODUCING THE NKFI BOARD

Year after year, each class of the NKFI Board of Directors have served with a personal connection to kidney disease.

Tipu Puri, MD, PhD, President
University of Chicago Medicine

Personal connection: Dr. Puri is a nephrologist who is passionate about preventing kidney disease.

Jill M. Schaaf, Vice President

Personal connection: Ms. Schaaf devoted much of her career to working in renal care products. She also had a grandmother who suffered from kidney disease.

James Easterbrook, Secretary
Fresenius Kidney Care

Personal connection: Mr. Easterbrook has worked in the renal industry for almost a decade, overseeing employee training for a team at Fresenius Kidney Care. He believes that helping people learn more about kidney disease early on improves their health outcomes and ultimately their quality of life.

Brian O'Dea, Treasurer
Nephrology Associates of Northern Indiana & Illinois

Personal connection: Mr. O'Dea is an avid runner who enjoys using his hobby to raise money and awareness for NKFI.

Shubhada Ahya, MD, Professional
Advisory Board Chair
Northwestern Memorial Hospital

Personal connection: Dr. Ahya is a professor of medicine and a clinical nephrologist.

**Andrew J. Aronson, MD, MBA,
MPH**

Personal connection: Dr. Aronson is a pediatric nephrologist who enjoys supporting programs like KidneyCamp and Kids with Kidney Disease & Transplantation.

Divya Jain Arwindekar, DO
Loyola University Medical Center

Personal connection: Dr. Jain is a transplant nephrologist whose passion is in educating the community about kidney disease, its prevention, and its treatment options.

Gavin Campbell
Baxter International Inc.

Personal connection: Mr. Campbell has devoted his career to the renal industry.

Brett Curtiss, RD, ICRN Chair
DaVita

Personal connection: Mr. Curtiss is a registered dietitian who works with renal patients.

Matt Gilbert
Green Door Capital

Personal connection: Mr. Gilbert was an early Middle Market Open volunteer who became passionate about the work of NKFI.

Ashutosh Gupta, MD

Personal connection: Dr. Gupta is a nephrologist, now retired since 2017, and a living kidney donor inspired by the 33rd Annual Gift of Life Gala.

**Amanda Hale, DNP, MSN,
MBA, RN**
DaVita

Personal connection: Ms. Hale is a doctor of nursing practice who leverages her experience to manage and train dialysis nurses.

Wendy Kadon
Kellogg Board Fellow

Personal connection: Ms. Kadon is an MBA student lending her expertise to improve NKFI fundraising efforts.

Tara Goff Kamradt
Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan &
Aronoff LLP

Personal connection: Ms. Kamradt is an attorney who represents a number of organizations in the renal and healthcare industry. She has been a member of the NKFI Board for more than 15 years.

Gregory Kent
Ferrara Candy

Personal connection: Mr. Kent has a family history of kidney disease and uses his marketing expertise to help NKFI reach more Illinois residents.

Holly Mattix-Kramer, MD, MPH
Loyola University Medical Center

Personal connection: Dr. Kramer is a nephrologist and the NKFI Board President. She is passionate about increasing public awareness around CKD in an effort to prevent its development.

**Kristen Martin Uebel, MBA, MM,
HEA, BSN, RN, CNN**, ICNNT Chair
Renaissance Management
Company

Personal connection: Ms. Uebel is a nephrology nurse who works with renal patients.

Amit Mehta

Paul Hastings

Personal connection: Mr. Mehta is the Middle Market Open Board Chair.

Shauna Phillips, LCSW, ICNSW

Chair
Fresenius Kidney Care

Personal connection: Ms. Phillips is a social worker who works with renal patients and has family members with CKD.

Mike Schrader

NxStage

Personal connection: Mr. Schrader has worked in the renal industry for more than 30 years and enjoys supporting NKFI programs for professionals and patients.

Mark Schwartz

Morgan Stanley Wealth Management

Personal connection: Mr. Schwartz lost his uncle to kidney failure and his father was a founding member of the NKFI Board of Directors. He is a past Board president who carries on the family tradition of support with his involvement.

Andres Serrano, MD

Mount Sinai Hospital

Personal connection: Dr. Serrano is a nephrologist who focuses his outreach efforts on the Spanish-speaking community.

Dinee Simpson, MD

Northwestern Memorial Hospital

Personal connection: Dr. Simpson is a transplant surgeon who is passionate about kidney health in the Black community.

Kareen Simpson, MD

Associates in Nephrology

Personal connection: Dr. Simpson is a clinical nephrologist.

Susan V. Sullivan

Mercer

Personal connection: Ms. Sullivan received a kidney from her sister in 2004.

Paul Temcio

Bridge House Advisors

Personal connection: Mr. Temcio is "truly blessed many times over" after receiving a kidney from his wife in 2014.

Jeffrey Wissink

Navint Partners LLC

Personal connection: Mr. Wissink is passionate about helping those affected by kidney disease.





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“The stories of my Grandma Abby are a source of motivation to continue to change the trajectory from kidney disease toward kidney health.”

Jacqueline Burgess-Bishop, NKFI CEO

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NKFI STAFF

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Kathleen Toledano
Office & Finance Administrator

Rodrigo Vences
Patient Programs Associate

Regina White, CNA, CPT
KidneyMobile Manager

NKFI STATS

AT A GLANCE

57 **KIDNEYMOBILE SCREENINGS** across Illinois
2,462 **PARTICIPANTS SCREENED** for kidney disease, diabetes & hypertension
70 % with at least one **ABNORMAL RESULT**
9 % **IMMEDIATELY REFERRED** to care

535 youth, patients, and caregivers
educated at **LIVING WITH
KIDNEY DISEASE &
TRANSPLANTATION** seminars

\$299,000 awarded in
**RESEARCH
GRANTS**

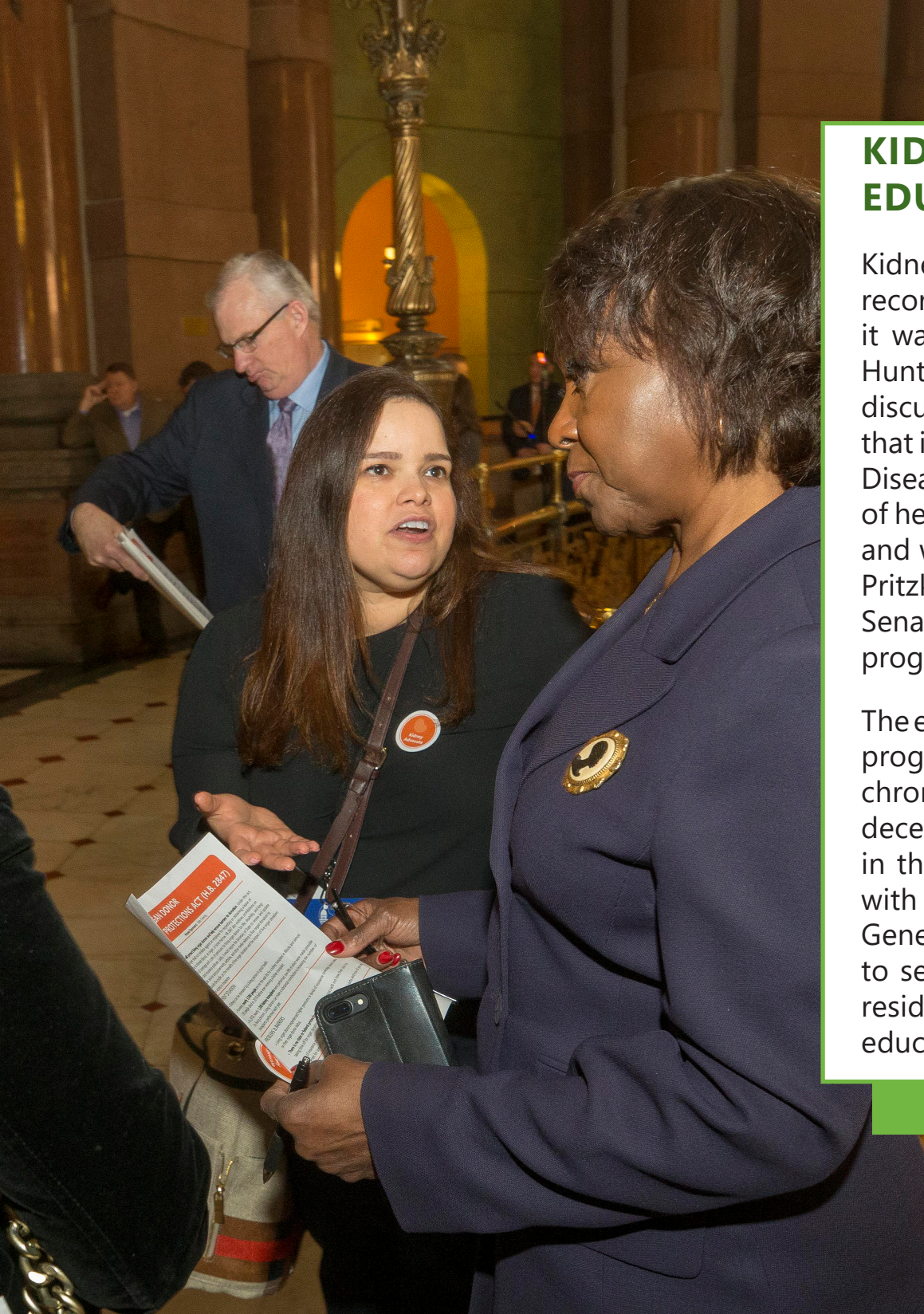
3,017 supporters at the
WALK FOR KIDNEYS

457 **RENAL PROFESSIONALS**
attended continuing education
and networking events

100% **SUPPORT FOR STATE BILL 1864**
among state representatives
97% **SUPPORT** among state senators

STORIES OF IMPACT

The National Kidney Foundation of Illinois is able to improve the lives of patients and families touched by kidney disease with the help of supporters like you. Your passion and generosity creates valuable patient resources, and every gift you make brings Illinois one step closer to a future free from kidney disease.



KIDNEY DISEASE PREVENTION & EDUCATION TASK FORCE

Kidney Disease is impacting citizens of Illinois in record numbers and due to a personal family loss, it was an important topic for State Senator Mattie Hunter. She met with the NKFI Advocacy team to discuss the impact of kidney disease and the impact that it has in Illinois. As a result, she created the Kidney Disease Prevention and Education Task Force as part of healthcare bill SB1864. The bill passed in early 2020 and was signed into law on July 7, 2020 by Governor Pritzker. Senator Hunter has been appointed as the Senate Co-Chair and other appointments are in progress.

The eleven member group will create health education programs to increase awareness of and to examine chronic kidney disease, transplantation, living and deceased kidney donation, and the existing disparity in the rates of those afflicted. They are also tasked with delivering a long-term sustainability plan to the General Assembly by the end of 2021. NKFI is proud to serve on the task force to reach as many Illinois residents as possible with the message of prevention, education and empowerment.

SAVING LIVES THROUGH SCREENINGS

John was a diagnosed diabetic and he took his medication, so he did not understand why he felt so off. After attending a KidneyMobile screening, John sat down with a KidneyMobile team member. There he learned his blood sugar was so high, our machine could no longer calculate his reading. He was fast approaching kidney failure.

John did not realize that his diabetes could be uncontrolled if he was regularly taking his medication. John left his consultation with a physician referral and crucial health information.

After a follow-up call, John told the NKFI that he went straight to the emergency room, was given new medication, and access to a dietician. "How can I expect to help those that need me?" John said, "I can't. Not if I don't help myself first. And you taught me that."

72% of KidneyMobile patients show risk signs of kidney disease. Most of those people are already living with diabetes and do not know they are at an increased risk. The NKFI protects these people by raising awareness and health screenings across Illinois.



MAKING CONNECTIONS

Parenting a child with a chronic illness can be tough, particularly if none of your friends and neighbors have been there. So when Julie Fisk and Heather Bahr found themselves parenting infants with kidney disease, they turned to social media for support. Julie, who lives in Texas, and Heather, who lives in St. Louis, quickly became friends and encouraged one another through their kidney kids' medical journeys.

At our annual Kids with Kidney Disease and Transplantation event in September, families from across the country come together for a day of fun, education and support. Thanks to your donations, parents like Julie and Heather, who had previously only been able to connect through social media, were afforded the opportunity to at last meet in person, providing them with critical peer support as they care for their kidney kids. Additionally, children with kidney disease and transplantation are introduced to new friends who understand their unique challenges.





EMPOWERING YOUTH

16-year-old Jonathan needed a kidney but his name was not on the transplant list. Despite his mom's best efforts to keep him healthy, he had a hard time staying medically compliant enough to be listed.

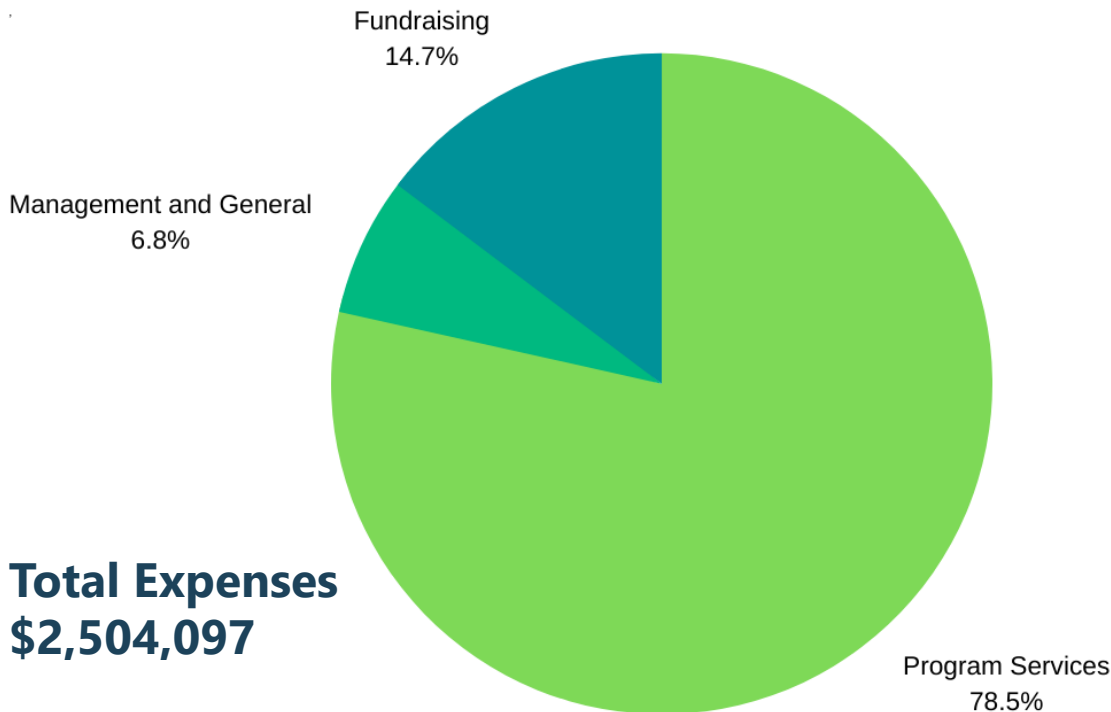
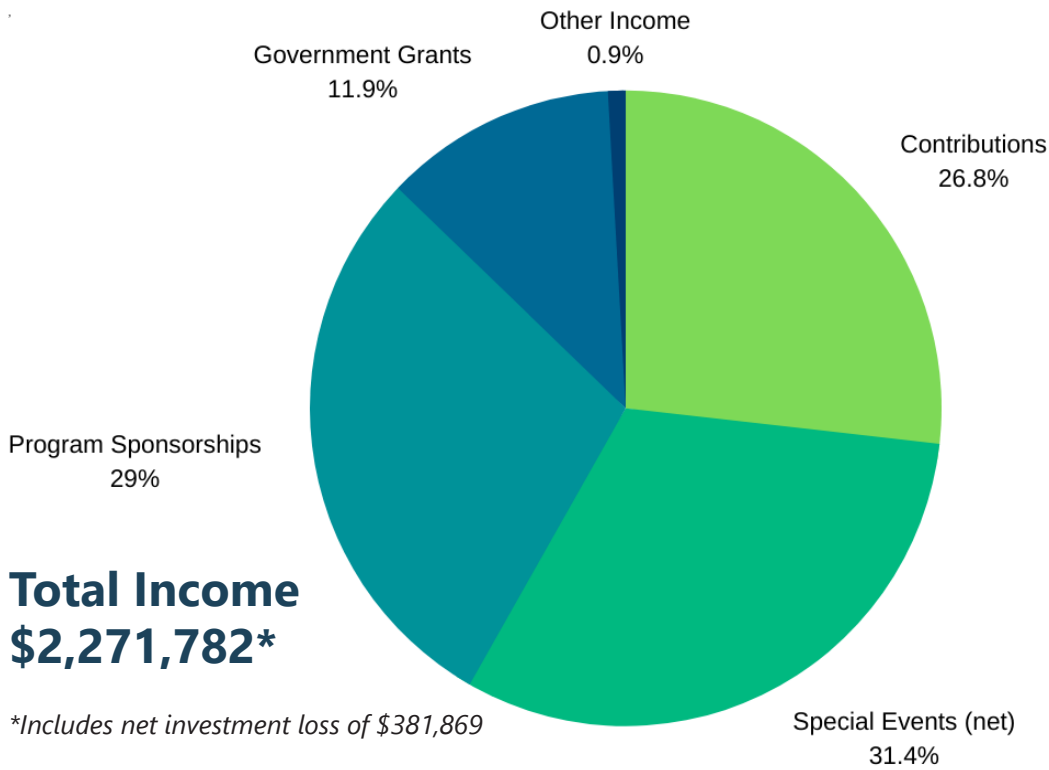
Jonathan and his family attended our Teens & Young Adults event. Through this program, not only did his parents gain valuable knowledge from leading experts, they also met and spoke with other parents who are going through the same situation. Jonathan and his younger sister learned about snacking right, met other teens and

siblings who are living with kidney disease or transplants and most importantly - Jonathan finally understood the importance of medical adherence.

He was re-evaluated by his transplant team, re-listed, and his parents got the call that an anonymous living donor had come forward. His mom Nicki says, "we were definitely not expecting [to get the call] but we're so grateful beyond words. This is a dream come true and honestly the definition of a miracle."

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.



SUPPORT & REVENUE

CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions & Bequests \$710,760

Special Events \$834,311

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

Government Grants \$316,253

Program Services \$768,409

Total Contributions \$2,359,733

OTHER REVENUES

Other \$23,918

Total Other Revenue \$23,918

TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE
\$2,271,782*

**Includes \$381,869 net investment loss*

TOTAL YEAR-END NET ASSETS
\$6,581,116

EXPENSES

OPERATING EXPENSES

Program Services \$1,965,463

Fundraising Expenses \$368,710

Management & General \$169,924

TOTAL EXPENSES
\$2,504,097

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